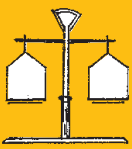


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## Wild Warrandyte

October means we are nearing the end of magpie swooping season and can look forward to some warmer weather in the weeks and months to come.

But with bridgeworks now overrunning and infrastructure big on the agenda for the November State election, Warrandytians need to brace themselves as political campaigning begins to ramp up — check out our election wrap on Page 3.

Whether it is natural, cultural, communal or political, this month's *Diary* covers all things environment.

The centre piece of our societal smorgasbord is a showcase of Warrandyte's natural splendour thanks to the talented photographers of the Warrandyte Nature Facebook Page (P18 – 19).

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## OVER THE HILLS

By JOCK MACNEISH



## The more things change...

The *Diary's* researchers have taken a peek into the archives to see what was happening in Warrandyte a century ago and guess what they found?

**Hawthorn and Camberwell Advertiser**  
Friday, October 18 1918, Page 4.

## WARRANDYTE NOTES

About 100 returned wounded soldiers were entertained at luncheon and afternoon tea on Sunday, October 13.

The display inside the hall was most inviting, the tables being stored with the choicest of edibles, tempting in the highest degree and sufficient to satisfy the most exacting of epicures.

As the soldiers arrived they were all directed into the hall, the weather being wintry, and a gusty wind prevailed.

Among the visitors was Mr Pearson, who has been such a prominent figure in this particular mission of conveying them to the different centres of attraction.

After luncheon, they sallied forth to see as much as they could of the little village and to gather the beautiful tinted leaves which at this season of the year are the glory of the bush.

One young fellow who had undergone six or seven operations on the table of the operating theatre, and was the wonder of

the medical faculty, came sauntering back from his ramble looking happy carrying a little forest of green leaves, and pleased with the thought of taking a touch of nature back with him to gladden the hearts of those left behind.

The topic, however, was not of Warrandyte or its possibilities, but General Pau, who was to visit the hospital next day, and to them the prospect was a highly interesting one. About four o'clock the cars began to move away, the occupants being none the worse for their outing, but much benefitted by the fresh air.

Mr W. Aird, formerly of Ringwood, catered for the guests, and after the visitors had departed those who remained behind were invited by Mr Aird to partake of what refreshments were available, which was done ample justice to.

The whole of the arrangements were under the supervision of the Warrandyte Patriotic League. A welcome home was tendered on Saturday evening, October 12, by the residents of Warrandyte to Corporal George T. Clarke, better known as "Bobby", who had seen four years' service right through from the peninsula to western Europe.

He was the pioneer of the little town to enlist, and sailed on October 19, 1914. Corporal Clarke has been three times wounded, the first occasion being at the landing at Gallipoli.

On arrival in the township, he was given

an ovation by the school children, and the reception in the evening was a hearty one, some of his mates from the 8th Battalion carrying him shoulder high.

Being a general favourite, he was made the recipient of warm eulogiums.

Mr A. Aird congratulated him on behalf of those present on his safe return, which was endorsed by Sgt Thompson, of the 8th Battalion, and others.

Corporal Clarke responded in simple language, and expressed his pleasure at the welcome given him.

Cheers were given again and again for the guest of the evening.

Items were rendered by Queenie Robertson, Francey Sloan, Mr Archie Clarke (a brother of Corporal Clarke), Mr J. Cooke, and Miss A. Mullens. Mr Woodford Smith (violin) and Mr A. Aird (piano) supplied the musical programme for the evening, and Mr C. Jones acted as M.C.

Dancing was kept up late, and a most enjoyable evening spent, refreshments being provided gratis by Mr and Mrs Aird. But the saddest of all was the homecoming to that vacant chair, for the mother who had said farewell and bade him "God speed", had passed away during his absence.

Perhaps the blow had been softened, as not long after he had departed he had received the news that his mother had died suddenly, which came as a great shock to her many friends, but only he alone could feel the full significance of his loss.

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## A SPECIAL PLACE

Warrandyte (approximate population 8000) is situated on the Yarra River, some 27km from Melbourne. For countless ages a well-stocked hunting ground of the Wurundjeri people, in 1851 Warrandyte became the site of the first official gold discovery in Victoria. It soon established its character as a small, self-sustaining community set in a beautiful river valley. Around 1900 the miners, orchardists and tradespeople were joined by a number of young painters who were founding the Australian nationalist arts tradition. Now a commuter suburb of Melbourne, the natural beauty, community spirit and sense of independence of Warrandyte has been largely retained. This newspaper is the voice and true expression of that spirit.

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# Road, rail and renewables

By **SUSAN FOREMAN**

IT IS THE TIME of year for our State's politicians to make their case, hoping to attract your vote in the up-coming Victorian State Election.

There have been several major announcements over the last month in the lead up to the November 24 poll, many of them potentially affecting Warrandyte voters either directly or indirectly.

Local member Ryan Smith, says that if the Liberal Nationals are elected the local community is promised:

- \$20,000 to improve the lighting at Warrandyte Reserve,
- \$4.1 million for Warrandyte High School,
- \$1 million for Wonga Park Primary School, and
- \$500,000 for an upgrade to the Park Orchards Football Club at Dorney Reserve.

Labor have yet to announce a candidate for the Warrandyte electorate and the Greens have preselected Ben Ramcharan as their local candidate.

More broadly, the major parties have made promises for a range of infrastructure and social initiatives that affect the whole state.

## Public transport

As discussed in-depth in last month's *Diary*, a re-elected Labor government has pledged to construct a metropolitan rail loop.

Importantly for Warrandyte, the new link would provide a train station at Doncaster with a direct connection to the Airport and the rest of the rail network.

The Liberal Nationals have recently announced their major public transport project with a European-style High Speed Rail connecting regional centres around the State.

The cornerstone of the Liberal Nationals plan is to "ease the population squeeze by decentralising our jobs and our population."

Matthew Guy made the announcement in early October,

saying the upgraded network would see trains reaching speeds of up to 200 kilometres per hour.

"Daniel Andrews says it's inevitable that Melbourne's population will hit eight million people in the next three decades — I don't accept that — I say we need to decentralise our jobs and population throughout Victoria," Mr Guy said.

"Victoria's new high speed rail network will be the fastest in Australia," he said

At an estimated total cost of \$15 billion to \$19 billion, Mr Guy claims the project will transform regional Victoria and is "affordable, sensible and realistic."

Within the first term of a Liberal Nationals Government, they promise travel times between Geelong and Melbourne will be slashed to just 32 minutes, an improvement of 26 minutes on the current timetable.

Still on the rails, the Liberal Nationals have also promised to increase the number of Protective Services Officers (PSOs) at Richmond, Southern Cross and Flinders Street stations.

This would see a second day time shift of PSOs as part of an additional 100 transit PSOs.

At the moment, PSO shifts are from 6pm until the last train.

An elected Liberal Nationals Government will introduce an additional daytime shift for up to 20 railway stations identified as daytime crime hotspots.

Mr Guy said "If we are going to encourage more people to use more public transport then we need to make sure users are safe and feel safe, that's why our policy is more frontline police, more PSOs [and] tougher sentences."

The Greens have announced a high-speed, high-frequency Rapid Bus Network for the eastern suburbs.

Samantha Dunn MP, Greens member for Eastern Metropolitan, says the Melbourne public transport network is too focussed on the CBD.

"There are very few ways to get from A to B across the eastern suburbs.

"We will rollout 11 new routes across the east, threading through the suburbs to serve major destinations such as university campuses, schools and shopping precincts," said Ms Dunn.

The buses will include free Wi-Fi and USB chargers and have electric drive, with bicycle racks and wheelchair spaces provided on each bus.

"The buses will have 10 minute frequency on weekdays and 15 minute frequency on weekends.

"The best thing is, this bus network can be rolled out within 18 months," she said

"The capital and operational costs of rolling out this network is \$1.63 billion over 10 years," said Ms Dunn.

She says for Warrandyte the new bus network "will get commuters and students out of their cars and free-up space on the congested roads surrounding Warrandyte."

The immediate area would benefit from a route from the Pines Shopping Centre to La Trobe University, via Heidelberg Station and Austin Hospital, plus a line from the Pines north to Eltham Station or south to Monash University via Blackburn and Syndal rail stations."

The Greens' Ben Ramcharan says this would "relieve a huge strain on people who want to commute around the city."

## Roads

The flagship of Labor's roads policy is the construction of the North East Link.

As discussed extensively in previous editions of the *Diary*, the proposed road would link the Eastern Freeway with the Western Ring Road, completing the Metropolitan Ring Road around Melbourne.

The Labor plan also includes major upgrades to the Eastern Freeway and a dedicated bus lane to facilitate a Bus Rapid Transit between Doncaster and the CBD.

The Liberal Nationals go to the election promising to build both the East West Link and the North East Link.

The party have promised that, if they win, in the first 100 days of government they will re-task the North East Link Authority to "manage and deliver both an East West Link and a North East Link super-project."

In the Liberal Nationals' plan, construction on both projects would commence 2020/21 with completion earmarked for 2026-2027.

## Energy

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will provide half price solar batteries for 10,000 Victorian households that already have solar panels.

The \$40 million program is part of Labor's new Solar Homes initiative, subsidising either solar panels, solar hot water or solar batteries for 720,000 homes over the next 10 years.

Under the scheme, homeowners can get a 50 per cent rebate for installation of a battery storage unit, capped at \$4,838 in the first year and tapering down to \$3,714 by 2026 as the price of batteries comes down.

This will pave the way for future microgrids allowing households in a local area to share their stored power to lower electricity prices even further.

A re-elected Labor Government will also invest \$10 million to support more renewable energy over the next ten years.

The Solar Homes program is available to Victorians with a household income of up to \$180,000 who live in their own home valued at up to \$3 million — with homeowners only eligible for one rebate.

The Greens' Ben Ramcharan says the world is facing a climate emergency.

"We're in dangerous territory and the problem is only getting worse — meanwhile, Victorians are struggling with skyrocketing energy prices.

"This is why The Greens have a plan to bring our energy system back into public hands so we can bring prices down and begin the transition to renewable energy."

The Greens have outlined a plan to make Victoria 100 per cent renewable

by 2030, including:

- Building \$9 billion worth of publicly-owned large-scale renewable energy — beginning a return to power to public hands.
- Build \$500 million worth of publicly-owned battery storage, centered in the Latrobe Valley.
- A plan to remove the license to operate for all of Victoria's coal plants by 2030.
- 10 Community Energy Hubs.

## Education

A re-elected Andrews Labor Government will provide funding for Victorian children to start kindergarten a year earlier, rolling out a program to fund three-year-old kinder places across the state.

Labor has promised to invest almost \$5 billion over the next decade for funding 15 hours per week for three-year-old kinder places, with the rollout beginning in 2020.

Under Labor's plan, around a quarter of Victorian families would pay nothing.

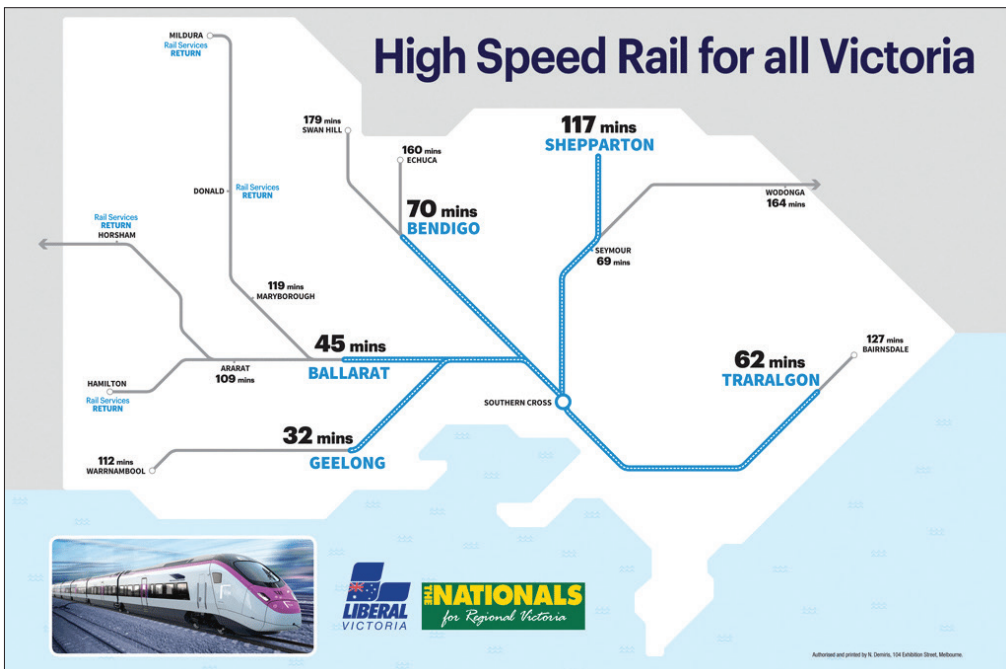
Those who do not qualify for the full funding would still receive a 65 per cent subsidy of their child's kindergarten costs, consistent with the current arrangement for four-year-old kinder.

## Emergency services

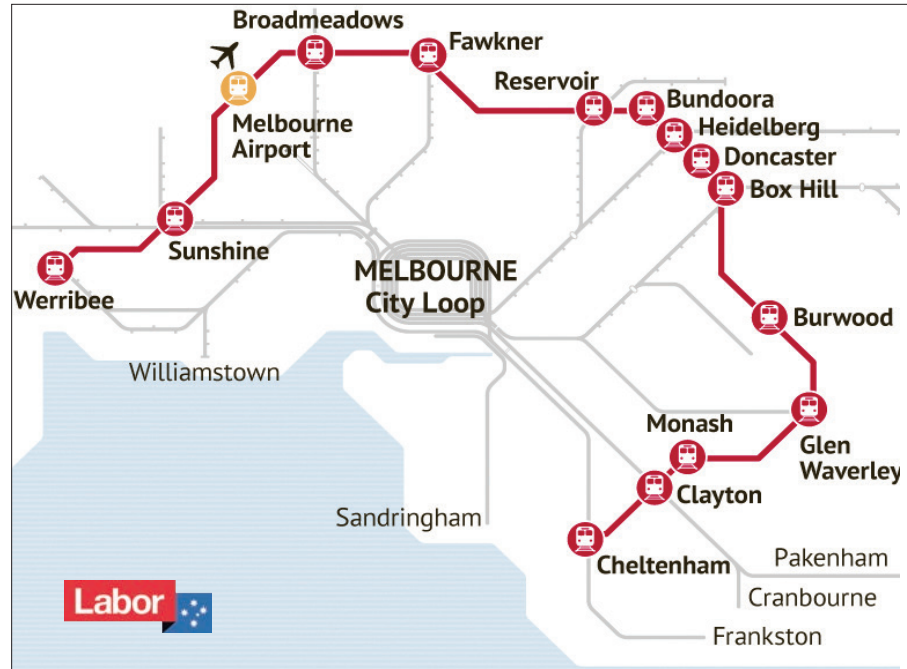
An elected Liberal Nationals Government will provide expanded mental health support for members of Victoria Police, emergency services and ambulance workers.

The Liberal Nationals pledge to make it easier for first responders to get the support they need if they have been involved in traumatic events in the line of duty, providing up to \$10,000 for medical expenses for each first responder for PTSD and depression treatment while their WorkCover claim is processed.

They plan to establish a \$6 million First Responders Support Fund, which would be managed by WorkCover.



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# Council gives Lions Park the nod

MANNINGHAM Council approved the masterplan for Lions Park in Warrandyte on Tuesday September 25.

The masterplan has been informed by community feedback and proposes a series of upgrades for the area.

Key features of the masterplan include additional picnic facilities, seating and barbecues, an improved path layout, outdoor fitness equipment as well as new drinking fountains, signage, landscaping and public art elements.

The masterplan also includes redesigning the car park at Lions Park.

Manningham Mayor Cr Andrew Conlon said the final masterplan provides a guide for the proposed works and improvements in Lions Park.

"Feedback from our community provided great insights into a shared vision for the park, which includes a space to relax by the river, community gathering, paths and walking tracks.

"This is a wonderful area of Warrandyte, the feedback from our community has helped ensure the Lions Park masterplan features places and spaces for the whole community to enjoy," Cr Conlon said.

The masterplan has been developed following the VicRoads Warrandyte Bridge widening project and the removal of the former tennis courts.

Funding for the implementation of the full masterplan is being sought.

Council has allocated a total of \$450,000 to the upgrade of Lions Park over 2019/20 and 2020/21.



## Remembering their sacrifice

By JENNIFER BRYANT  
RSL Committee

ON SUNDAY November 11, 2018, at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, Warrandyte will pause for a respectful one minute silence that will commemorate 100 years since the signing of the Armistice that ended the First World War.

At 5am on November 11, 1918, three representatives of the German government accepted the Armistice terms presented to them by an Allied commander, General Foch of the French Army.

Known as the Armistice of Compiègne from the place where it was signed, it came into force at 11am Paris time on November 11, 1918.

The Treaty of Versailles, signed on 28 June 1919, which took effect on 10 January 1920, is acknowledged as the formal document ending the war, but Armistice Day is remembered as the day the fighting ceased.

On that date, people across the world celebrated the war's end — celebrations tempered by thoughts of the enormous suffering and loss of life resulting from the War.

The First World War began in 1914 and lasted for four years.

With a population of fewer than five million, more than 416,000 Australians enlisted for service.

Of these, 324,000 served overseas.

More than 60,000 Australians were killed, including 45,000 who died on the Western Front in France and Belgium and more than 8,000 who died on the Gallipoli Peninsula in Turkey.

As well as Australian soldiers, many nurses in the Australian Army Nursing Service served on the Western Front.

These nurses worked in overcrowded hospitals for up to 16 hours a day, looking after soldiers

with shocking injuries and burns.

During First World War, some of the most intense fighting took place in Flanders (western Belgium).

Buildings, roads, fields, bushes and trees were destroyed.

Despite the devastation, poppies flowered each spring during the war.

Poppy seeds that had been buried for years were brought to the surface by the churned-up mud and germinated.

Hence the association of poppies and the Anzac tradition.

From the Warrandyte community over 80 citizens made the commitment to answer the call from the "Mother Country".

They were everyday people's fathers, husbands, brothers, sons.

Employed as loco drivers, labourers, miners, butchers, gardeners, all between the ages of 18 to 44.

The majority of them returned home to Warrandyte but 13 of these volunteers made the ultimate sacrifice:

**4674 Quentin Coluhoun** aged 21, killed in action in France on November 10, 1916.

**600 Albert Thomas Day** aged 44, died of a bullet wound at the Gallipoli Peninsula in August, 1915.

**3097 Albert Ely** aged 36, killed in action in France April, 1918.

**4258 Edward James Ely** aged 34, died of wounds in Belgium September, 1917.

**4432 Albert Ernest Forden** aged 20, died of wounds Belgium October, 1917.

**5384 William Henry Hammett** aged 22, reported missing and later reported killed in action in France February, 1917.

**2122 Charles Henry Wigmore Hawkes** aged 21, killed in action on the Western Front in October, 1917.

**3807 George Daniel Leheny** aged 18, killed in action, no known grave, July 1916.

**3530 James Frederick Leheny** aged 23, killed in action, July 1916.

**3184 Frederick Henry Alex McCulloch** aged 25 killed in action October 1916, buried after being found in no-mans-land with a letter addressed to Miss Daisy King of Warrandyte.

**744 James Murphy** aged 21, killed in action, July 1916.

**2000 William Arthur Sutherland** aged 20, killed in action.

**3339 William Thomas Wyatt** aged 25, killed in action, March, 1917, no known grave.

In Australia and other allied countries, including New Zealand, Canada and the United States, November 11 became known as Armistice Day — a day to remember those who died in the First World War.

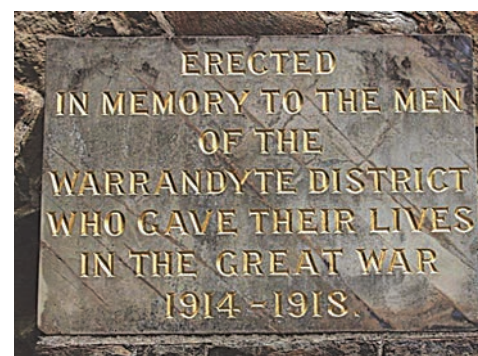
The day continues to be commemorated in Allied countries.

After Second World War, the Australian Government agreed to the United Kingdom's proposal that Armistice Day be renamed Remembrance Day to commemorate those who were killed in both World Wars.

Today the loss of Australian lives from all wars and conflicts is commemorated on Remembrance Day.

Sunday November 11, 2018 is the 100 year Centenary Commemoration of the first Armistice/Remembrance Day.

To honour all those who served their country and community, the Warrandyte RSL is holding a Centenary Remembrance Day Service at the



Warrandyte RSL commencing at 10:35am.

All members of the community are encouraged to attend and commemorate this historic occasion.

A simple function will follow the service in the RSL Clubrooms.



# Bridge Upgrade completion slips by three months

By DAVID HOGG

THE OCTOBER *Information Update* bulletin from VicRoads is now to hand, and as we predicted in our last edition the date for completion has now moved from “the end of September” to “before the end of 2018”.

With only 10 days’ notice to residents, the bulletin went on to announce the complete weekend closure of the Warrandyte Bridge from 10pm on Friday, October 12 until 5am on Monday, October 15.

A further bulletin released just one day before the closure confirmed that pedestrian and cycle traffic would still be able to cross during the closure, and that there would only be a single lane working on Yarra Street and Kangaroo Ground Road.

We understand that there may be further weekend closures before the end of the project, but the need for these and the timing has not yet been determined.

The bulletin implies that some of the delays are due to problems with Yarra Valley Water pipelines, which need to be replaced.

The worksite has seen a hive of activity during the past four weeks, and in particular, a marathon effort was put in day and night during the closure.

The weekend closure saw the completion of Stage 3 concreting for the roadway but not the upstream pathway, reconstruction of the roundabout and installation of poles for the traffic lights on the north side and traffic bollards on the south side.

Long lengths of Armco barriers have been installed on the west side of Kangaroo Ground Road north of the Research Road junction.

A summary of the major dates for this project makes interesting reading.

- March 2016 — State Government announces \$5.1m funding
- April 2016 — Timetable announced. Traffic lights will be installed at the Research Road and Kangaroo Ground Road intersection July-November 2016. Bridge Upgrade will run from March to November 2017.

- July 2016 — VicRoads presentation of plans at Community Forum
- December 2016 — VicRoads had considered five options for timetable. Option 1 was the harshest with a total bridge closure for the duration of the project which would take three months. Option 5 was selected being the least disruptive with two lanes open every day, occasional night closures, a nine-month project timescale, and low impact to peak and off-peak traffic delays. Contract would be awarded in March 2017. All works would be complete before December 2017.
- April 2017 — Planning permits applied for. Contractor not yet appointed. Confirmed that works will be complete before start of next bushfire season.
- May 2017 — Unable to start because planning permits not in place. An Urban Design Panel has been set up to advise and review final plans.
- June 2017 — successful contractor announced.
- August 2017 — Planning permits in place.
- January 2018 — Works commence. Completion by September 2018
- October 2018 — Completion date changed to “before the end of 2018”.

Looking at the work achieved so far, there is no doubt that the finished product will be a magnificent piece of urban traffic engineering which will certainly help the work of the emergency services if an evacuation for bushfire is required; and that was the original purpose of the work.

However, three serious questions remain:  
Will the aesthetic rural, village and heritage look of the area be retained?  
Will the work attract more vehicles to Warrandyte?  
What, if any, improvement will this work have on peak-hour traffic congestion?  
Time will tell.



# Sharks the big winners of Pick My Project

By SANDI MILLER

THERE WERE no successful projects for Warrandyte from the State Government's Pick My Project grants, however Domeney Reserve in Park Orchards was among 237 projects across the state chosen to receive funding.

The \$30 million Pick My Project initiative gave all Victorian residents aged 16 and over the opportunity to submit their idea for a project or program that made their community a better place to live.

People were then given the chance to vote for their favourite project.

More than 95,000 Victorians cast votes, with successful projects receiving grants of between \$20,000 and \$200,000.

Pick My Project's funding has been divided equally between Melbourne and regional Victoria, based on the population of each of the six metropolitan and nine regional partnership areas.

Projects which were designated as being from the Manningham part of Warrandyte were competing with projects from across Eastern Metro (Knox, Manningham, Maroondah, Monash, Whitehorse and Yarra Ranges council areas), while projects located on the Nillumbik side of the Yarra were up against the Northern Metro region (Banyule, Darebin, Hume, Mitchell, Moreland, Nillumbik and Whittlesea).

When announcing the successful projects, Premier Daniel Andrews said: “this is a great day for communities right across Victoria — with hundreds of wonderful local projects getting the funding they deserve.”

Postcode 3113 put forward several projects for consideration, but none received enough votes

to be successful.

Warrandyte's most popular submission was for a Men's Shed, which attracted 234 votes, however this fell short of success by around 15 votes.

The Warrandyte Reserve exercise trail only managed to garner 184 votes, while Anderson's Creek Primary School brought in 159 votes and the picnic area at Jumping Creek attracted 152 votes.

Laughing Waters Artist-In-Residence redevelopment received 139 votes, one more than the Anderson's Creek Landcare Group, who were seeking to mitigate erosion along the creek behind the sports ground.

A sensory play space at Kangaroo Ground Primary School also missed out, attracting only 154 votes.

Gathering 275 votes, the expansion of community space at Domeney Reserve, Park Orchards was the closest project to Warrandyte to receive funding, scoring \$84,000 to develop their clubrooms to include a function space, able to be utilised by the whole community.

Park Orchards Football Club president, Jeremy Thomas said the club was “incredibly grateful for the opportunity for all our sporting clubs to access this much needed funding from the Pick My Project campaign to help go towards our tiny sporting facility”.

He said the grant will form part of the club's contribution to this project, noting it is anticipated the clubs will be required to contribute more funds towards the upgrade of the facility.

“The extension at Domeney Recreation Centre to areas used by the community's sporting clubs is required due to lack of availability of space to provide for our clubs, which includes for senior

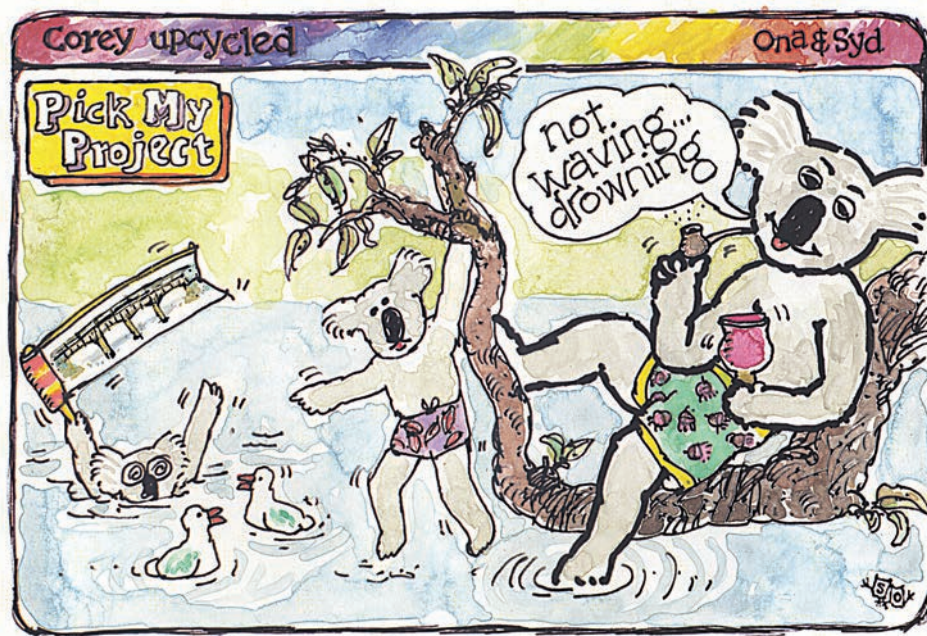
clubs teams, plus a senior women's team in 2019 and three netball teams, as well as the junior clubs massive numbers — who are the largest junior Aussie Rules club in Manningham — and the cricket club who are active in expanding the club.

“Not only are our sporting clubs grateful for the support given through this Pick My Project campaign, but would also like to thank Vice

President — Park Orchards Football Netball Club Colin Caulfield for coordinating our sporting community to work together for this great outcome,” he said.



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How many projects can a project-picker pick?



# Not just for Christmas

By SANDI MILLER

RESIDENTS of Christmas Hills have had their concerns heard regarding the consultation process around the Melbourne Water land disposal with Lisa Neville, Minister for Water calling on Melbourne Water to extend their consultation period.

As reported in the June *Diary*, the community are concerned that Melbourne Water is taking a short-term view of the divestment of 1,000Ha of land being sold off, now that the decision has been made not to construct the Watsons Creek Storage Reservoir (WCSR).

Melbourne Water met with residents in May seeking community input into how the land should be configured and which zoning would be most appropriate for the land.

Local residents and representatives of the Christmas Hills Landcare Group, Veronica Holland and Doug Evans spoke with the *Diary* and said that the consultation since the May public forums and their subsequent *Melbourne Water Options Development Report — Christmas Hills Land Use Study* (ODR) has been non-existent.

"Just deathly silence," said Ms Holland.

However, she said that Nillumbik Council has been put in a "wonderful report that just outlines all the planning regulations that don't seem to be mentioned in Melbourne Water's report".

"It starts off by saying that the land can only be sold once, so you have to be sure that the use of the land before you sell it is what you want it to be into the future," Ms Holland said.

The Council's Draft Assessment report highlights what it says are a number of deficiencies that are evident in the ODR.

When the document was tabled at the Nillumbik Futures Committee meeting, the Council heard how the "ODR outlined the key considerations that have informed the development of the, largely residential-led, land use options proposed for the 'study area'".

"Council's draft *Assessment Report* highlights concern with the lack of evidence to demonstrate how Melbourne Water has considered and is seeking to implement key State Green Wedge policies and objectives.

"Further, there are a number of statutory planning concerns about implementing the residential outcomes shown in the ODR" the meeting's minutes note.

Nillumbik Councillor Jane Ashton spoke to the *Diary* at the time of the July meeting and said that Melbourne Water need to "look higher-level, they have to look to what the State Government is saying about Green

Wedges moving into the future.

"We think what they have done is pretty simplistic, if they define 'best use' basically meaning how many residential blocks can you get in there, we think 'best use' is not that, it is preserving Ponylands and Wanneroo and Rob Roy.

"I love Christmas Hills, it is an absolute microcosm of what the Green Wedge can be — you've got all these amenities, you have got walking trails and tracks, you've got a sailing club — how many people have got a sailing club like that with views like that?"

Mr Evans said that Melbourne Water's approach "appears to be a shorter term outlook than what the community wants, which is longer term — how do we protect the values of this place for the long term?"

"How do we protect the potential for agriculture and contributing to Melbourne's food bowl for the long term?"

"How do we protect what community values here in the long term?"

"Whereas Melbourne Water's approach, from our increasingly cynical point of view, has been a shorter term, 'what is in it for us quick, which is how do we get more houses in there and make more money,'" he said.

He and Ms Holland say the current community have a feeling of stewardship over this place, "it's not something to be exploited, it is something to be appreciated and protected forever".

"Chop it up and put a house on it and you have lost that potential forever, keep it as big as possible and use it in ways that don't preclude agriculture in the future is much better," he said.

Sally Brennan is the Labor candidate for Eildon, which includes Christmas Hills, in the forthcoming State election.

Ms Brennan has met with local residents and raised the community's concerns directly with the Minister for Water and she is calling on Melbourne Water to engage further with the community to understand these views.

Ms Brennan is calling on Melbourne Water to take a long term view within the context of what is best for Christmas Hills, what's best for the environment and what is best for the long term future of the land.

Liberal Member for Eildon, Cindy McLeish told the *Diary* that the Andrews government is "hell bent on selling land in order to pay for big infrastructure projects in the city".

"Those land sales, and the potentially inappropriate development that follows, pose a big risk to the amenity of our local area".

She said that she had called on the Minister to ensure that Melbourne Water conducts transparent and robust community consultation to ensure



local resident's views are incorporated into the development of a *Master Plan* for the Christmas Hills land.

"I was concerned that only two options were put to the residents when in fact the consultants had developed three options," she said.

Minister Neville has told the *Diary* that this is a "once in a generation opportunity to protect and enhance the environmental and community assets of Christmas Hills by identifying options for the disposal of land in the area currently owned by Melbourne Water".

"As part of this process, we want to ensure the community's voice is heard on the *Master Plan* for the area, so I've asked Melbourne Water to extend the independent assessment following concerns raised by community members," she said.

A spokesperson from Melbourne Water told the *Diary* they are continuing to review the range of feedback that has been received related to the draft *Master Plan* for land in the Christmas Hills area.

"We recognise that, while we have undertaken significant community engagement and consultation, some concerns remain.

"We also acknowledge there are further opportunities for Melbourne Water to engage with stakeholders and the community and we're committed to doing this."

The spokesperson said "as a first step, we are working closely with Nillumbik Shire Council in response to their detailed submission to our draft *Master Plan* and considering the importance of this process, we want to allow appropriate time for these discussions". Melbourne Water has said it will provide the community with another update later in the year and is "currently looking at further opportunities for stakeholders and the community to engage with Melbourne Water" before the draft *Master Plan* is finalised.

Mr Evans says that more consultation



From Left: Veronica Holland, Doug Evans and Sally Brennan

in itself is not the complete answer.

"It is not just more consultation per se, I think we would only be interested in more consultation if there was a genuine shift in focus to the long term view.

"We need to see the current position, has it changed from what has been presented to us previously, if it hasn't changed there is not a lot of value in meeting again to say yes there is no change," he said.

"We want the end result to reflect the principles of the Green Wedge, it should be in the largest lots possible under the Green Wedge provisions because now that it is public ownership, one ownership, they can address the problems of small lots within the Green Wedge by consolidating them, and if you do that you have basically created, or preserved, what is this unique place close to Melbourne," said Ms Holland.

Ms Brennan said: "it is very much the context of the consultation...which is what is best for the future, what is

best for the community, what is best for Christmas Hills, what is best for Melbourne".

"This is a unique opportunity to look at a piece of land that we as Victorians, and certainly as residents of Christmas Hills, seek a stewardship role over to protect for the future — not a short term solution, one that gets rid of the problem for Melbourne Water.

"For a whole range of reasons, there has been a disconnect between the process that Melbourne Water has undertaken and those long term aspirations of the community — so what we need to do is bring it back together — it needs to include a much more broad-ranging, long-term solution, that includes the expectations of this community, which are about protecting the Green Wedge, protecting the integrity of that land.

"This is a rare opportunity to do something important and valuable and in fact to make it better than it was," Ms Brennan said.

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# Keen interest in rare housing blocks

By DAVID HOGG

AROUND 200 people attended the very successful auction of eight vacant residential blocks at 8-20 Keen Avenue on September 16.

The atmosphere was more like a carnival with free gelato and coffee.

Following a VCAT hearing in February the development company, Itsomac Pty Ltd, was allowed to subdivide this property into nine vacant lots for housing.

One lot was retained by the developers for their own use.

Of the eight lots that were up for auction, six were sold on the day at prices ranging from \$815,000 to \$905,000.

There are two blocks which are still available for private sale at prices within the above range.

Interestingly, all but one of the purchasers were from the local area within Manningham and Nillumbik.

The developer will be commencing civil works shortly to construct the main court onto which the properties will face, which will connect to Yarra Street, and also provide electricity, gas, water, NBN, drainage and sewerage to each property.

This is expected to be completed by mid-2019, by which time house construction may be commencing.

The Yarra Street exit from the property will have a "no right turn" sign as access

is just below the ridge of a hill, and southbound traffic in Yarra Street will equally be prevented from doing a right turn into the street.

However, traffic will still have right turn access via the existing Yarra Street service road to the south.

Auctioneer Daniel Broadbent from Jellis Craig said "We were delighted with the response."

"The two most popular blocks set a benchmark price for this exceedingly rare opportunity to acquire land and build a dream home right in the heart of Warrandyte."

"Those bidders who were unsuccessful in bidding for their first choice of block were in most cases successful in bidding for their second choice."

Mr Broadbent speculated that the successful purchasers could possibly spend a further \$400,000 to \$800,000 in building their dream home, making each property worth in the region of \$1.5 million.

Developer Chris Velios told the *Diary* "I congratulate the purchasers of these magnificent blocks and I look forward to seeing their development."

"The sales demonstrate the strong demand for quality property in Warrandyte."

One of the successful buyers, Ken Keam

from North Warrandyte told us "Our first local welcome came from an echidna."

"We are excited to have purchased a relatively flat block south of the bridge."

"Although we will be very sad to leave our beautiful pocket and neighbours in North Warrandyte, the long term plan is to be able to build an age-appropriate home so that we can stay in this wonderful Warrandyte community as we grow older."

There remains the question of the postal addresses for these properties.

"Keen Avenue" is not appropriate as the new blocks do not connect with that street.

Angelo Kourambas, Director of City Planning and Community at Manningham Council advises "The developer may make an application for the naming of the internal access road and provide a list of proposed street names for Council's consideration."

"Generally, preferred names for roads within the Manningham municipality are those that commemorate people or historical events associated with the history, settlement and development of an area, recognise local geographical features or reflect the zoological, botanical or common name of Australian flora and fauna."



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## Bus improvements fail to impress city commuters

By JAMES POYNER

AS OF OCTOBER 7, an additional 17 services have been added to peak travel time across Doncaster Area Rapid Transit (DART) network.

These 17 services are distributed across the 905, 906, 907 and 309 routes.

According to Public Transport Victoria, Warrandyte's 906 will benefit from an additional four; two City-bound in the morning peak travel time and two out-bound in the evening peak travel time.

What this means for Warrandyte residents that use the 906 is an additional two services between 6am and 7am.

This, in conjunction with minor changes to service start times, will mean there is a bus leaving the bridge every five to seven minutes

between 6:42 and 7:53, whereas on the previous timetable, this period of high frequency began at 7am.

In the evening, there are additional services at 4:42pm and 5:08pm which, again, extends the period of high frequency service by approximately 15 minutes, which means between 4:42 and 5:56, commuters travelling between the City and Warrandyte should only have to wait, on average, seven minutes.

With increasingly congested roads and numerous major infrastructure projects being promised in campaigns for the November State election it is clear something needs to be done to ease commuter congestion.

But it is unclear how much impact an extra two services in the morning and evening will have to the 906 service,

with commuters from Warrandyte becoming increasingly frustrated with the volume of passengers on the 906 evening commute home.

"It would have been better to have the extra services in the 5pm and 6pm hours," local resident and commuter Jozica Kutin told the *Diary*.

"In the city, the last peak hour is the worst."

"The 906 is often completely full at the Swanston Street stop, thereafter leaving all other passengers behind on its way to Warrandyte."

"I pity all the 906 commuters waiting for the bus after this stop."

"I have even walked to earlier stops, just to make sure I can get on the bus to go home," she said.

With the 906 being the only direct bus between Warrandyte and the City, and

906 passengers previously plagued by unexplained service cancellations, it is understandable that some may be sceptical about any positive effect this change will have on the service.

There is also an issue with demand, while a 906, leaving the city at 5:30pm may be full by Swanston Street, often when the bus leaves The Pines, there may be only a handful of commuters still on the bus.

Looking at other Warrandyte bound buses, after 7pm services from Eltham and Ringwood may only have one passenger going all the way to Warrandyte.

At best, it seems, Warrandytians may need to hope for a "trickle down" effect regarding improvements to public transport.

And works to see this may have

already started.

As well as the minor changes to DART services, VicRoads are currently building dedicated bus lanes on Blackburn Road between Canopus Drive and Bellevue Avenue and on Doncaster Road between the Doncaster Park and Ride and the freeway entrance.

With the proposed rapid transit upgrades between Doncaster and the City as part of the North East Link project, commuter salvation for Warrandyte may come in the form of upgraded public transport in the Doncaster and Donvale suburban sprawl providing alternatives to these residents and thus freeing up space on the service for Warrandyte bound commuters.



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# A voice for our river

By SANDI MILLER

FOLLOWING the passing in the Victorian Parliament of the *Yarra River Protection (Willip-gin Birrarung Murrong) Act* exactly twelve months ago, the Birrarung Council has been established to provide voice for the Yarra River.

In 2015, Government began the process of better protecting the Yarra by introducing tougher planning controls to prevent inappropriate private development, and introducing mandatory height limits at the river's edge to safeguard the river into the future.

Now, the Birrarung Council will provide advice to Government to ensure the ongoing protection of the river and uphold key priorities of the *Water for Victoria* plan and the *Yarra River Protection (Willip-gin Birrarung Murrong) Act*.

The committee will advise on how to best utilise the Yarra for community and recreational use, and how to best protect the river's health — so it can be enjoyed for years to come.

"The Yarra River is a vital part of Victoria's environment, this council will ensure all voices can come to the table and be heard to ensure its ongoing protection," said Minister for Environment Lily D'Ambrosio.

Birrarung Council members include several Traditional Owners, environmental and agricultural industry groups, as well as local community groups.

There have been 11 members appointed, chaired by environmental engineer Christopher Chesterfield.

Representing the Wurundjuri elders are Allan Wandin, Ronald Jones and Margaret Gardiner; community representatives are former Nillumbik Mayor and member of the Warrandyte Community Association Warwick Leeson and Riverkeeper Andrew Kelly; as well as industry representatives Bronwyn South, Prue Digby, Kirsten Bauer, Erin O'Donnell and Alexandra Lee.

Mr Chesterfield says the council will be "an important voice to deliver better protection and management of the river to protect the river into the future."

The *Yarra River Protection (Willip-gin Birrarung Murrong) Act* is the first act in Victorian history to be co-titled in Woi-wurrung, giving Traditional Owners a permanent voice in the planning and

management of the Yarra River.

Riverkeeper and Birrarung Council member, Andrew Kelly says that the Birrarung Council differs from the Riverkeepers, where the Riverkeepers are an independent community organisation, the Council focus on being able to provide advice to the Government about issues that affect the Yarra.

The biggest challenge that the river faces Mr Kelly said he sees as a Riverkeeper is Melbourne's population explosion.

"That is going to put immense pressure on the river, both directly in terms of how [the Government] plans for houses and apartments and hard surfaces.

"The second big challenge, which flows on from that, is a deterioration in storm water, all those hard surfaces all those rooves all lead to increased run-off after rain events, which will carry with it a nasty load of toxic chemicals and so the rivers and waterways will experience physical and chemical toxic shock."

Mr Kelly said he is hoping that the Council will bring a greater focus to the river, and a large part of what the Council are doing is working within the *Yarra Strategic Plan*.

"It will raise the profile of the river, including the river in Warrandyte, which is a very important part of the river, part of it is the great urban Yarra parklands, so it would be nice for me, as a Riverkeeper, for all those parklands to be considered in a coordinated and connected fashion," he said.

Mr Kelly said it is about having "good solid chunks of open space alongside the river" so there is plenty of habitat for animals such as the platypus, the sugar gliders and wombats who live in and around the river.

"There has been lots of excellent work done in the past, the stretch through Warrandyte looks pretty good, platypus are being seen more frequently, and so that is amazing and wonderful," he said.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne, said the Yarra is an icon of Melbourne and holds a special place in Victoria's heart.

"We're ensuring its protected and has a safe and secure future" he said.

# Changing of the guard for WCA



By DICK DAVIES

Warrandyte Community Association

CONGRATULATIONS to Carli Lange-Boutle, elected President of the Warrandyte Community Association (WCA) at the recent AGM.

Amongst many other activities, Carli established the North East Link Forum, with other local residents' associations, as a forum for discussion on the proposed North East Link.

It was a big year!

WCA's Top Ten major projects encompass at least 25 separate initiatives.

WCA's award winning "Be Ready Warrandyte" campaign continued with a "Safe as Houses?" forum on building materials and home safety; collaboration with Emergency Management Victoria by hosting a pilot Immersive Bushfire Experience; and also featuring in an international journal highlighting the benefits of "community led" resilience.

The Manningham Perpetual Trophy was awarded to the Warrandyte Riverside Market Board of Management which includes WCA with Rotary, Lions, the Community Church and the CFA.

WCA is delighted to contribute to the return of a fantastic \$153,355 to the Warrandyte community in awards, grants, donations and jobs created from the Market in the financial year!

"Warrandyte Is Awesome!!" was one chalked comment on the Festival Writers' Wall.

WCA aims to keep it that way and participated in the Lion's Park redevelopment plan; the Old Dairy site redevelopment; development of the bike path from Beasley's to Warrandyte and also in the planning panel advising on the upgrade of Jumping Creek Road.

WCA is represented on the Birrarung Council protecting the Yarra River; participated in

a Plan Melbourne session; and is actively campaigning to maintain the Green Wedge in Nillumbik and Manningham.

A landmark decision in the Victorian Supreme Court was a huge victory for ordinary people in Victoria to express their concerns about inappropriate development.

WCA supported local residents in this action, defended by Environmental Justice Australia, plus others in Keen Avenue, Hussey's Lane, Brumby's Road and Bouchiers Road.

We convened an independent forum to assess the bridge proposal and convinced VicRoads to establish an "Urban Design Advisory Panel".

Finally, huge congratulations to Val Polley on her award of an OAM after a lifetime of service to the Warrandyte community and as a founder of the WCA — so well deserved!



WCA President, Carli Lange-Boutle

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# Flying fireman



By JO FRENCH

ON A QUIET Sunday morning in September, a handful of members of the Wonga Park CFA donned their turn out gear, climbed aboard a fire truck and headed out of town to Lilydale Airport.

On board with the crew was 19-year-old volunteer firefighter, Ryan Brindley, on his way to participate in a tandem skydive over the Yarra Valley.

The skydive was purchased by local Nancy Daenen as part of the silent auction at the Wonga Park Women's Local Day Out held in May to help raise funds for the Wonga Park Brigade.

Nancy and Ryan hatched the plan that Ryan would jump on her behalf.

As Ryan sat through a safety talk and listened intently to instructions pre-flight, there was a mixture of excitement and nervousness amongst the gathered family, friends and fellow brigade members.

The *Diary* was there to catch the action and with it, the same nervous energy that kept everyone on their feet.

Ryan's mother Karen and younger sister, Keely, were part of the group.

"He's been looking forward to the jump," said Karen, "he's actually been quite relaxed about it all."

But Keely had a different story to tell.

"He was not able to eat breakfast this morning," said Keely.

"He was too nervous."

"He didn't even drink his coffee, but he is looking forward to a feast afterwards."

Keely was already making plans for a visit to the local chocolate factory to celebrate the jump.

As Ryan walked towards the plane that would take him above the clouds, he turned and grinned, reassuring the crowd with a thumbs up.

A change in the sound of the engine of the plane high above the clouds was our signal that it was time for the jump, so with sunglasses on and necks craned we waited for the first speck of a parachute to come through the clouds.

Ryan and his instructor Dave scooped and rolled through the sky in large arcs before they landed safely and smoothly to the cheer of the group.

The *Diary* spoke with Ryan after, about his high-altitude experience.

"I don't know how to feel," he said.

"It was the best feeling ever — your stomach drops when you jump out of the plane, I'm definitely doing that again."

"On the way down it was just clouds."

"Clouds, rolling and flipping, then we got balance and the horizon was everywhere."

"It was epic."

Ryan's excitement and adrenaline rush was contagious, and so with a little encouragement, his mum Karen decided she too would sign up for a jump.

I guess the sense of adventure runs in the family.

Although, this *Diary* reporter is happy to keep her feet firmly on the ground.

# Insurance: are you covered?

By DAVID HOGG

DODGY HANDLING of insurance claims and repairs following natural disasters was one of the many revelations emanating from the recent Royal Commission into financial misconduct.

Bad policies, long delays, incompetent repairs and multiple breaches of the industry code of practice were all highlighted.

These, alongside Warrandyte's positioning as a high-risk area for disaster, add extra impetus to Warrandyte Community Association's (WCA) upcoming Bushfire Insurance Forum to be held on November 15 at Warrandyte Community Church.

After a disaster is the wrong time to review your policy — do it now!

Whilst the focus is on the coming bushfire season, the forum will cover a range of events listed under domestic and commercial insurance, including home, fire, flood, storm and power outage.

The forum will involve all emergency management organisations, fireguard groups and CFA brigades in the "Greater Warrandyte" area, including Warrandyte, North Warrandyte, South Warrandyte, Park Orchards, Wonga Park, Donvale and parts of Eltham.

At last year's Be Ready Warrandyte forum on building materials, Denis Nelthorpe's presentation on insurance attracted a lot of comment and favourable follow up.

WCA have invited Denis, from Disaster Legal Help (under the auspices of the Victoria Law Foundation and other legal entities), back as the keynote speaker for this year's forum and he will be talking about Domestic

and Commercial Insurance. Other topics include:

- Warrandyte Fire Watch app. — Dick Davies, Chair Be Ready Warrandyte, WCA
- Greater Warrandyte risk profile — Helen Napier, Municipal Emergency Manager, Manningham Council
- Outlook for 2018-19 season — Jennifer Wolcott, Director Risk and Resilience, Emergency Management Victoria
- Customer protection for emergencies — Cheryl Meikle, Warrandyte Community Bank

The forum will conclude with questions and informal discussion over tea and coffee. Book this date in your diaries now.

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# Art, awareness and asylum seekers

By JAMES POYNER

THE PLIGHT of asylum seekers travelling by boat to Australia has provided inspiration to Nillumbik artists over the last couple of months.

In the September *Diary*, we spoke with Bend of Islands scrap metal sculptor Tim Read when he installed *Postcard from Nauru* in Eltham.

In November, North Warrandyte based artist Denise Keele-Bedford will have artwork and an installation at the Red Gallery in Fitzroy North.

In conjunction with Chinese artist Yifeng Tan's *Adrift* exhibition, Denise will be exhibiting *A Gold Boat for a Gold Coin*, which features silk-screen prints and 1,500 yellow origami boats.

Her aim is to raise awareness about the loss of human life and the boats which never made it to Australia as well as raise funds to aid asylum seekers — through the Uniting Churches UnitingCare Lentara program — who are already in Australia, waiting for their claim to be processed.

Denise started making origami boats in 2016, at an artists' residency in the city of Poughkeepsie, a city on the Hudson River in the United States.

"I had this opportunity to go over for a residency in the Hudson Valley and the idea was to create work in response, residencies are often like that.

"You go there and you are responding to the environment around, travelling up and down the Hudson River — I had to think about the history of the place and how these people used boats for travel."

Denise enjoys the symbolic nature of the simple origami boat and the simplicity of the shape allows her to create aesthetically pleasing art with a more serious meaning, without overcomplicating the piece.

Since her Poughkeepsie residency, Denise has been making origami boats for a number of installations both here and overseas and has managed to get the technique honed to folding 100 boats in six hours.

"It is very meditative... there are about 10 steps involved in making a boat, so I found that I could grab a packet of 100 sheets and do one step at a time and I could do that while watching TV — it becomes a rhythm."

Like many meditative tasks, this process has become addictive.

"We buy that 'Who Gives a Crap' toilet paper and they are wrapped in such nice paper... I was sitting by the fire recently and I wondered if this sort of paper was alright to make a boat with and my husband said 'you just can't help yourself, give you a bit of paper and you'll make a boat.'"

I asked Denise if she had any luck making

origami boats out of this paper but, sadly, the paper is too thin to hold the shape well.

The ability of this simple boat shape to accommodate a dual purpose is important to Denise, and is something she tries to instil in a lot of her pieces.

"For me, very often in making my art work there is the first response, then there is the underlying story."

But Denise's fascination with the origami boat does not end at the shapes duality.

She is fascinated with Australia's history of settlement by boat.

"So you have your convicts and then you have people, like my ancestors who came out here and already had land allocated to them for when they arrived... but of course there has been that whole kind of turn around — as we know — after the Vietnam War of people coming here by boat — but that was more of a welcoming."

"Whereas these days it is just so tense, so controversial."

"So I sit here and think, as one little Warrandytian, how do I fit amongst all of this."

Denise's exhibit will contain a series of silk-screen prints of origami boats and each piece will have a dual title, one title will be upbeat, positive whilst the other will reference one of the many boats which never made it to Australia.

"There is a listing at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, I contacted them and they gave me a link — it was just pretty amazing that you look at this list of boats that didn't make it and the ones that they know how many people were lost and I thought, oh gosh that is pretty heavy."

Denise went on to explain that the small origami boats are the perfect way for gallery visitors to take something away from their experience, knowing that their action will help someone less fortunate.

Visitors will be able to exchange a gold coin donation for one of Denise's yellow origami boats and all funds raised from the boats will go to UnitingCare Lentara.

"I think that the simple exchange of a gold coin is a way of allowing the person who is giving is also receiving."

But Denise's choice for choosing to use yellow paper for her origami boats is more than an easy way to relate the title of her exhibit to her goal, her inspiration came when she was in Beijing with a friend from Korea.

"We were talking about this sense of what it is like for us as foreigners, in Beijing — being artists in another country, why we were here and what



we were going to do.

"We were talking about these boats and he said 'do you know that yellow is the colour of hope' and I said 'oh I am going to do some research on this' and he said 'in Korea, that is the colour we use for hope.'"

In Chinese culture, yellow is associated with good luck and for Denise, the colour is connected to sunshine and warmth.

In many cultures around the world, the colour yellow carries a positive connotation.

The hope is that the juxtaposition of her pretty silk-screen prints and the simple yellow origami boats against the sobering reality of the "boats that did not make it" and the loss of life associated with it will allow gallery visitors to come away from the experience with a piece of original artwork and a greater understanding of a global refugee migration crisis.

**The Red Gallery is on George Street, Fitzroy North, and you can visit the *Adrift* exhibition November 7 – 25.**



## Regional art gallery for the Shire?

AS PART of its Council Plan 2017 – 2021 and Arts and Culture Plan 2018 – 2021, Nillumbik Shire Council is asking residents to engage in a new feasibility study into establishing a regional art gallery.

Mayor Peter Clarke is encouraging as many residents as possible to participate.

"Art and culture is integral to Nillumbik, and we're calling on residents to help us deliver results that best benefit the municipality," Cr Clarke said.

The study will consider the needs of housing

the Nillumbik Shire art collection and making it publicly accessible to our community and visitors, identifying size, scale and possible sites, together with opportunities for cultural infrastructure within the broader regional framework.

The first stage of the study is a summit, where residents are invited to attend and share their views.

Visit Nillumbik Council's participate website to RSVP your attendance at one of the two summits:

- **Thursday, October 18 7pm-9pm at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham,**

- **Wednesday, October 24 7pm-9pm, Hurstbridge Community Hub, Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge.**

Residents who are unable to attend either of the summits will still be able to contribute to the feasibility study via an online survey which will become available at a later date.



**To register:**  
[participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)  
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# The dangerous and potentially deadly locals

Summer means snakes and already, the community has begun to post sightings on social media.

However, a bit of knowledge can mean the difference between seeing a snake and being bitten by one.

Local snake catcher **Anthony Grosvenor**, offers information and advice to our readers on how to co-exist with our slithery friends this coming season.

SNAKES ARE probably one of the most feared animals in Australia, if not the world, but they are also one of the most misunderstood.

For centuries, these animals have been painted as monsters, they have been demonized for no fault of their own but for a history built mostly on rumours, old wives tales and far-fetched stories.

While snakes are indeed dangerous and potentially deadly they are only a danger to you if you put yourself in a position where they feel threatened and vulnerable.

A snake will only ever strike out of fear or pain, they don't hunt, stalk or prey on humans or cats and dogs, they are incredibly shy animals that given the chance will disappear quickly and quietly if disturbed to avoid any confrontation.

Educating yourself enough to get a basic understanding of these amazing creatures is your number one safe guard when it comes to living with snakes.

Snakes are everywhere, it is said that you could drive 10 minutes from anywhere in Australia and find a snake.

Snakes are active all year round, they don't hibernate as such but bromate.

Even on the coldest winters day it is not uncommon for them to be found, while an ambient temperature could be 5° a clear winters day sun can bring surface temperatures up to a perfect basking temperature.

But it is unlikely that you will see them and in fact most of you will be lucky to see one in the warmer months.

However, thanks to modern day technology you will most likely see dozens on your social media news feeds and mainstream media giving you the illusion that they are in plague proportions — but in reality, there is probably far less than there were 20 years ago — before everyone had a cameraphone on them at all times.

With land clearing, development and habitat loss those that are left are being pushed into small pockets and in many cases your backyards.

It is most important to remember that you do live in their environment and in the warmer months you just need to be aware and stay vigilant.

If you are down at the river walking your dogs during the warmer months it is probably a good idea to keep your dog on a lead when you are on the move and pick

your spots where you are going to let them swim or fetch a ball.

If you do see a snake, assess the situation and your surrounding environment.

In most situations the snake will see you and disappear quickly.

In some situations you may walk up on a snake and not be detected, the snake will keep dead-still, with the snake's thought being, "I hope they haven't seen me".

In this situation you should be quite safe to take a couple of steps back and change your course.

You may be in a situation where the snake is moving towards you, if this is the case, it is likely it hasn't seen you so a step back in the opposite direction should be enough to change its direction.

If it is quite close to you, where you think a sudden movement may startle it, stay still and you will be quite safe.

If you are worried at all about your home or property being a snake haven there are many steps you can take to minimize your chances of having them take up residency on your property and you want to start by thinking, what is a snake's needs?

Snakes need two key things, food and shelter.



By eliminating one or both of these you will drastically reduce your chances of having snakes take up residence.

Food source is the most important factor here, as we all need to eat.

A snake's prey consists mainly of rodents, other reptiles, frogs, and in some cases small fish and tadpoles.

Now, take a look at your backyards and ask yourself, what will bring these prey? Things like poultry, compost bins, normal waste bins, bird feeders and aviary's are among the biggest rodent magnets, as they provide a great meal for rats and mice.

Where possible try and keep chicken feeders off the ground and the area around them clean and tidy.

If you have bird feeders put them out in an open area, not above trees, shrubs or structure where a snake can hide or take shelter.

Where possible place compost bins on a solid flat base and keep covered so it does not allow entry for rats and mice.

Water sources are a little more tricky but again where possible try to eliminate anywhere a snake can shelter or hide — this can be difficult with landscape elements such as, ponds and pools.

Keep in mind that snakes don't want to be out in the open where they can be exposed to dangerous threats and predators.

Water troughs, where possible, should be off the ground or again on a solid base.

When cleaning up and organising your yards keep in mind that a snake does not want to be exposed, if you can see the ground you're winning.

Snakes will use structures and objects to their advantage, as it offers a safe means of passage from one place to the next, often protecting them from one or more sides.

Try to keep fence lines, retaining walls, buildings, sheds and other structures clear and mowed.

If you have building materials like timber and roofing laying around try keeping it at least a few inches off the ground or stand it up if possible.

These are just a few of the key elements of reducing the chances of having to share your property with snakes, but nothing you can do will ever make your property 100 per cent snake free, so it is important that you remain aware during the warmer months and watch where you are walking and putting your hands.

Remember, snakes are also active at night so when you're outside after dark, be it watering the garden or taking a stroll, carry a torch and watch where you are going.

If you do have a snake on your property and you feel that it's a threat to yourself your family or pets, call a snake catcher and, if possible and from a safe distance, try to keep an eye on it until a catcher arrives.

Even if you lose sight of the snake stay put and keep watch, this will give the catcher the best chance of finding your unwelcome guest, as they'll either pin-point it straight away or at least know where it was and which direction it was headed when you saw it last.

Do not run for the shovel!

It is not a threat!

If you have pets remove them from the danger.

If you would like a property assessment done we are more than happy to come out and give you some tricks and tips in making your property less likely to be an attraction to your scaly locals, we will give you information and a basic understanding of these misunderstood and amazing creatures to put you more at ease.

Familiarise yourself with your local catchers and shop around — not all charge an arm or a leg or your first born child — you'll find that you can get a catcher out for as little as \$50 and a further \$50 if the snake is caught and safely removed.

Myself and close friend Steven McNeil (Secure Snake Removals) will not charge another call out fee if we don't catch the snake and have to return within a couple of weeks.

It may come as a shock to you to learn that more people are killed each year in Australia by horses, cattle and bees than snakes.

On average around two or three people die in Australia each year from snake bite and most of these instances could have been avoided.

Do not put yourself in harm's way by trying to kill or catch a snake!

Call an experienced and licensed snake catcher.

**For any information or advice please contact myself or Steve McNeil on the following numbers.**

**Ant: 0438 899 685**

**Steve: 0434 148 558**



## What to do if your pet has been bitten by a snake



Courtesy RSPCA Victoria

IN THE WARMER summer months, snakes become much more active and pet owners need to be careful and safeguard their pets from snake bites, plus look out for the warning signs

should an animal be bitten.

Dogs will often try to chase or kill snakes resulting in snake bites usually to the dog's face and legs.

Cats, being hunters and chasing anything that moves, are also quite susceptible to snake bites.

The sort of reaction your pet has to a snake bite is determined by a number of factors: the type of snake, the amount of venom injected and the site of the snake bite.

Generally the closer the bite is to the heart the quicker the venom spreads to the rest of the body.

In addition, at the beginning of summer, snakes' venom glands are fuller and their bites are much more severe.

The tiger and brown snake are responsible for most of the snake bites in domestic pets.

The tiger snakes have a bite that can be fatal to not only pets but humans.

Brown snake venom is milder than the tiger snake's.

These snakes have a toxin that causes paralysis and also have an agent in them that uses up all the clotting factors that helps to stop your pet from bleeding.

Tiger snakes also have a toxin that breaks down muscle causing damage to the kidneys.

Signs of snake bite include:

- sudden weakness followed by collapse
- shaking or twitching of the muscles

and difficulty blinking

- vomiting
- loss of bladder and bowel control
- dilated pupils
- paralysis
- blood in urine

If you think your pet has been bitten by a snake you should keep them calm and quiet and take them to a vet immediately.

The chances of recovery are much greater if your pet is treated early, with some pets making a recovery within 48 hours.

Pets left untreated have a much lower survival rate and many die.

If your vet is some distance away, if practical, you can apply a pressure bandage – a firm bandage over and

around the bite site - to help slow the venom spreading to the heart.

DO NOT wash the wound or apply a tourniquet.

If you can identify the snake, tell your vet what type of snake it is — but don't try to catch or kill the snake.

If it is dead, bring the snake with you, otherwise there is a blood or urine test that can identify whether your animal has been bitten and the type of snake responsible.

Once the snake has been identified your vet can administer antivenom.

Please be warned that antivenom is expensive and can result in a large veterinary bill, so it is best to try and keep your pets safe and away from snakes in the first place.



# Community spirit burns bright in Warrandyte

By COREY BLACKWELL

WARRANDYTE's locals have once again demonstrated this community's generous spirit and dedication to giving back, as tickets for the 2018 Mayoral Fireball have sold out, ahead of the celebration later this month.

Manningham Council Mayor Cr Andrew Conlon has been overwhelmed by the community support for this year's event, which will honour the selfless work of the CFA's volunteers.

"Warrandyte is a really great community and they always unite around events like this" Cr Conlon said.

"There's been so much support, it's been great."

As a cause close to his heart, Cr Conlon selected Fireball as his chosen charity for the 2018 Mayoral Fireball, after almost losing his family home in a devastating bushfire in 2014.

On February 9, 2014 a bushfire sparked by high-voltage powerlines blazed through parts of Warrandyte, destroying the homes of some of Cr Conlon's neighbours.

"A huge fireball literally came over the hill," he said.

"Ours was the first house hit by that fire."

Cr Conlon said his son was home alone when the fire began to burn through the neighbourhood.

"He heard this noise and turned around to see the whole ridge was on fire," he said.

"In a panic, he ran up the driveway in bare feet, which we think may have also been on fire."

"He rang us and said, 'Dad, I'm not sure but I think the house might have burned down.'"

Fortunately, the CFA arrived just in time to contain the blaze before it could spread.

"If it wasn't for the CFA being there, that fire would've taken off," he said.

"That could've been catastrophic for a number of people."

Following the fire, Cr Conlon and his family were left to pick up the pieces.

"That took us a long time to get over," he said.

However, Cr Conlon refused to sit back and wait, and was able to turn the tragedy into an opportunity to make a difference in the local community.

"I thought more could be done in terms of collaboration and making sure the risk is reduced and people know what to do in a bushfire situation," he said.

"That's why I ran for council."

Four years on and Cr Conlon is hard at work with the Fireball Committee to organise this year's event, which he hopes will show the CFA's volunteers just how much the community values them.

"They don't do it for the appreciation, but it's really great when they are acknowledged for what they do."

This year's event will aim to raise enough funds to purchase a Forward Control Vehicle for the South Warrandyte Brigade.

"It's basically not asking the volunteers to spend time fundraising, when they already give away a lot of their time to train and then put their lives on the line when there is a fire," Cr Conlon said.

Cr Conlon said he also hopes the event will help spread the important messages of the CFA.

"It's also about raising awareness for the need for other elements of fire safety such as fire plans, and the need for new volunteers" he said.

"It would be great if we could achieve that."

Warrandyte's residents have always shown an enthusiastic willingness to support those who continue to risk their lives to help others, which Cr Conlon attributes to their strong sense of community.

Our CFA Captains are grateful for the support of Fireball in preparation for the dry season ahead.



Photo STEPHEN REYNOLDS

"There is a sense of unity when you go to an event like this," he said.

"Everyone is supporting the same cause."

"We're a very unique community."

Locals are also eager to show their appreciation, because they know how important the work of the CFA is to the community.

"Everyone living here understands some of the risks," he said.

"We live in this beautiful environment with trees everywhere, but that comes with a higher risk in terms of bushfires."

For the Furies themselves, the community support provided through Fireball has not gone unnoticed, and continues to have positive impacts upon their experiences as volunteers.

Wonga Park Captain Aaron Farr said the work of Fireball has provided valuable relief from the stress of fundraising.

"By donating to Fireball or supporting us in one way or another, it means we've got more time to allocate to emergencies, training and community safety," Aaron said.

"We can focus on what we do best."

South Warrandyte Community Safety Officer Bree Cross said Fireball was also crucial to spreading important CFA messages.

"Although you don't think of Fireball from an educational perspective, there's still a lot of education provided through it," Bree said.

"Now, there is more transparency in what we do, and why we do it."

"I can't thank them enough really, it's incredible."

Chair of the Wonga Park Brigade, Damien Bale said he couldn't put a value on the community's effort in supporting Fireball.

"The philosophy is fantastic," Damien said.

"Having the community effort spearheaded by Fireball, in terms of time and effort, it's invaluable."

Warrandyte Brigade's first lieutenant Will Hodgson said he feels "very proud" to attend Fireball.

"These people are putting their hands in their pockets to support us as volunteers," Will said.

"To see an event like that put

together, where the community comes together, I see it as a celebration."

Despite juggling family life, Will and his wife Bec, who serves as Warrandyte's fifth lieutenant, are Fireball veterans, who are keen to make an appearance at this year's event.

"It's absolutely amazing, it's such a great initiative," Bec said.

"Something that I hope continues into the future and that the community continues to support."

Cr Conlon also wished to thank the Fireball Committee for their ongoing vision, as well as the event's many sponsors whose generosity has brought the event to life.

Although tickets have sold out, there are still opportunities for locals to show their support to the cause, such as the Fireball's online auction.

The auction will begin on October 17 and close on the evening of the Fireball itself.

Those who register will be able to bid on about 100 items over the auction's 10-day duration.

Go to [www.fireball.org.au/](http://www.fireball.org.au/)



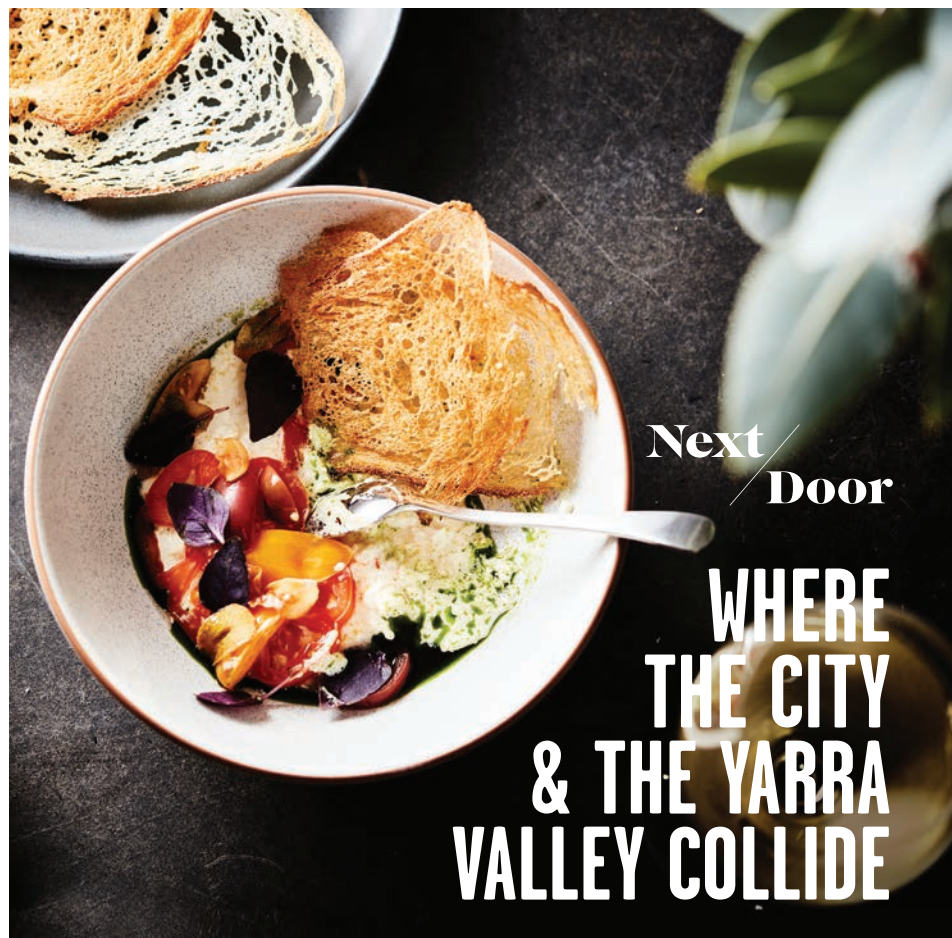
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# The missing Mullum Mullum link

By JOZICA KUTIN

A 1.3KM SECTION of bike path between Park Road and Heads Road, Park Orchards was officially opened on Sunday, September 16, completing the Mullum Mullum circuit.

The first stage of the Mullum Mullum Trail was completed in 1994, this final link has taken the last two years' to build.

It completes a 42km off-road circular cycling and walking path.

Hundreds of locals turned out on what was a beautiful spring day to participate in the smoking ceremony and watch Mannigham Mayor Cr Andrew Conlon, resplendent in full mayoral regalia and Shaun Leane MP, Member for Eastern Metropolitan in his Sunday best, cut the red ribbon declaring the path officially open.

Clever cyclists (yes that includes me) headed off before the swarm of locals made a beeline along the new path to the awaiting sausage sizzle and coffee cart at the other end.

Engineers among you (and there are many in Warrandyte) would appreciate that it wasn't just a simple concrete path but required three bridges and a 40-metre elevated boardwalk.

The whole circuit has been 24 years in the making.

Citizens of Melbourne can now walk, run or cycle a 42km loop along Koonung, Yarra and Mullum Mullum Trails.

Warrandyte folk can start at Beasley's nursery and cycle up the Mullum Mullum Trail, joining the Eastlink Trail (Ringwood side of the tunnel, but make sure you double back on the path a bit otherwise you will end up in Frankston) heading toward the city taking the Koonung Trail to Burke Road, turning right onto the Yarra Trail and heading back to familiar territory past the Banyule Swamp, Westerfolds Park, Petty's Orchard & Café, and back to Beasley's.

This clockwise direction is "generally" downhill.

Manningham has produced an online "interactive" map highlighting public transport stops, playgrounds, carparks, toilets and bike repair stations (I made use of the bike pump at Koonung Creek Reserve near Doncaster Road).

You could also check out the Strava segment I recorded at a terribly slow pace called "Mullum Mullum Marathon".

After posting on Strava fellow cyclists were immediately excited by the completed trail.

"Everyone should get out and use it now," said Timmy.

Fellow cyclist Robyn exclaimed, "Is that the new section? I can't wait to ride on it".

The missing link also completed another link—to the area's Indigenous past.

Uncle Perry Wandin, Wurundjeri elder told the *Diary* what they found during the construction of the path.

"It dates back to when our people were walking through here.

"We found artefacts that we use for the fishing, the hunting, they were either blades, points, knives, and scrapers.

"We used them when doing the hides, for clothing and of course for the fish.

"It's all registered, every artefact we have found has been registered with the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register," he said.

Project archaeologist, Dr. Roger Leubbers, has worked on the whole length of the Mullum Mullum Trail right down to Tikalara (behind Beasley's nursery).

He acknowledged that whilst the orchardist, agriculturalists and developers have had their impact on the heritage sites, a lot of it is still preserved "you just gotta dig for it".

"There's actually a lot of archaeology here on this trail.

"Some of the highest density of

artefacts were found on this part of the trail.

"It means there were people all along this creek."

The story of the Mullum Mullum groups are not unique.

Dr Leubbers said "it's just normal — I mean, people used this area normally every day and what they were doing is what you would do anywhere when you're going after your resources and finding food.

"But these are probably small parties doing that, these are not large groups.

"But this is their country, this is their landscape."

Once they have been studied, Dr Leubbers says the Elders have chosen to reinter the artefacts to preserve their cultural history in place.

"They don't really want to lose that information and it is... a physical connection to the country," he said.

You can now enjoy the mostly uninterrupted marathon length off-road path, whether you choose to run, walk, ride or skate it.

As you're admiring the tall gums, and perhaps catching a glimpse of a platypus in the creek, you might reflect on how you are also traversing the path of the First Peoples.



## Survivors

By CHEWY, 1st Warrandyte Scouts

FOR MANY school students, the first week of the school holidays involves a lot of nothing very exciting.

For 12 Warrandyte Scouts this could not have been further from the truth.

For a week they attempted to outwit, outplay and outlast teams from other Scout groups on a "survivor camp" that was modelled on the popular TV game show.

A challenge designer for the show is an ex-scout and each year he returns to use some of the challenges he has designed for the show to test our scouts.

Encouraged by some of the contestants from the last season, teams undertook a series of challenges.

These were varied and included endurance events such as pole standing, which two of our scouts, Molly Warren and Maya Cannon, jointly won at five hours and four minutes.

Other challenges relied on scouting skills such as navigation and problem solving whilst some were food related.

The details of the food challenge named "Yum Chuck" are probably best left at the camp.

Jointly Warrandyte's two teams won 11 of the 35 challenges and, with each win, received a key to a chest of treasures the like of which any adolescent would desire, chocolate and *Survivor* show souvenirs.

Sadly, this year neither of our teams picked the winning key but we will return next year with a new group of skilled scouts who are determined to outwit, outplay and outlast.



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# How's the serenity?

much ado



By KATRINA BENNETT

THE TIDE HAD turned.

Well maybe not literally, I'm pretty sure that happens four times a day, but we're far enough from the ocean to not really worry about such tidal movements.

Blossoms were blooming.

All sorts of cuddly marsupial joeys were starting to peer out from the comfort of their mobile homes.

Slithery things were hatching from their eggs.

And me?

Well, I was getting woken criminally early by what appeared to be all avian lifeforms known to man.

They have their feathers flapping, syringes screeching and the ring leader holding their daily "how to annoy humans 101" classes outside my bedroom window.

I can confirm that the pass rate for that particular course is currently sitting at 100 per cent.

Yes.

Spring had sprung.

Worn out footys were getting swapped for brand new cricket balls.

Basketballs and netballs were getting swapped for ... nothing ... those wretched sports go all year round.

Speed boats and jet skis were coming out of hibernation.

But, I was not quite ready to swap the snowboard for the wakeboard or the skis for the water ski.

No.

Not I.

I didn't need a calendar to tell me it was school holiday time.

It may have been the fact that the teenagers didn't emerge from their caves until midday, detouring to empty the fridge on their way to slouching onto the couch, that gave it away.

It may also have been the fact I entered an eerie Twilight Zone driving to work.

With my right foot at the ready to brake suddenly when I careen around a corner on Warrandyte-Research Road and catch up with the crawling bridge traffic.

But I didn't hit it.

My foot was left hanging as I found myself sailing past the bored traffic controllers, who were watching cat videos while eating their lunch at 8:30am as they had nothing else to do. Where were all the people?

Getting to work 30 mins early allowed me a cheeky look at Instagram.

I now knew where all the people were.

They were:

#spendingtime

#balibelly

#family

#pizzainvenice

#sunsetinthetropics

#seeyouintwoweeks

#relaxing

#vietnameseph

#disneyland

Yes, the only traffic this week was at the Metropolitan Ring Road/Tullamarine Freeway interchange as almost every Warrandyte man, woman, child but not their dog were all over Melbourne's airport like coconut on a lamington.

It was time for the ubiquitous "fake-tan while lying on a banana lounge in the sun trying to get a real tan, gazing over the freshly waxed legs, perfect

pedicure to the endless pool with the beach in the background" selfie.

But no.

Not I.

As charming as spending eight hours on a plane with thirty-three local Bintang singlet wearing footy teams on their end of season footy trip, fourteen groups of ladies having "me time" for their 40th birthdays and nineteen grumpy toddlers with blocked ears sounded; I declined.

A couple of days later there was no #headingnorthforthesun for me as I turned off the Metropolitan Ring Road a couple of interchanges earlier and headed up the Hume.

I was not quite ready to swap out the snow skis just yet.

For really, what could possibly be more relaxing than a five-hour drive?

The unabashed joy of crawling through intermittent roadworks.

Eating freeway fast-food guaranteed to cause an unplanned stop at a roadside restroom (last cleaned when it was built in 1973).

All while the kids fight over who gets to sit in the front seat to keep me company, just so they can put on their headphones and play *Fortnite* whilst snapchatting their friends holidaying in Cambodia.

Then I turn literally and figuratively a corner, the majestic snow-capped mountains appear in the blindingly blue sky and it is all #worthit.

In that instant my blood pressure drops, my cortisol levels drop, my dopamine and endorphin levels surge whilst my pupils dilate to wider than normal.

No weeklong meditation retreat in the Queensland Hinterland required for me.

I click into my skis, glide my way



down the hill with the grace of a floating leaf in the almost non-existent spring breeze feeling as Zen as the Tang Dynasty.

Whilst contemplating nothing more important as to whether I shall partake in Snake Gully jam donuts at the end of this run or the next, the inevitable happens.

I come across, not only my own offspring, whom I thought I had successfully eluded, but two other Warrandyte families.

Seamlessly I segue into phase two of spring skiing, the *Après* ski.

Once above 1500m altitude, anytime is wine time and when the sun is shining, sitting on the pub deck is the best time.

All that remained to be seen was what was going to pound louder in the morning, my head or ten kids running downstairs in their ski boots?

Boom, just like that, the tide has turned, spring has sprung and I'm ready to trade my skis for water skis.

But I'm still not quite ready to trade in my merino wool thermal for a Bintang singlet.

For that, I'll never be ready.

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# The ritual of Sorry Time

## Birrarung stories

By JIM POULTER

IN AN EARLIER article I spoke about the Aboriginal belief in the environment as a living entity and that we are surrounded by a complex, overlapping spirit world.

Aboriginal people believed that everything with a physical form or shape had a spirit or essence of its own.

Everything in the environment was therefore a part of the fabric of the original Dreaming and therefore had to be respected and protected.

In Aboriginal belief there is a complex spirit world surrounding us which includes a belief in human ghosts and bad spirits.

However rather than being dismissed as a simple, pagan belief, this has to be seen within a broader context.

As I also indicated in an earlier article, Aboriginal people believed in a non-interventionist God.

Wandjina sees all but says nothing.

This of necessity means that there is no judgment after death on how you have lived your life.

We were given free will and responsibility for all that happens, so why would we be judged after death for using this gift?

The only concern for Aboriginal people was whether your spirit was at peace and ready to be reabsorbed back into the Dreaming, to once again become part of the cyclical fabric of life.

Ghosts are therefore only the spirits of the dead that have not achieved peace after death. Similarly, bad spirits are somehow the product of disturbance of the dead, or a failure in proper ritual.

When we die, re absorption back into the Dreaming can therefore only occur when we are alleviated of our accumulated earthly sorrows, through proper human ritual.

That is, rather like Judaic religion, Aboriginal people believed that during the course of our lives we accumulate many sorrows.

Therefore, before an individual can achieve peace and oblivion after death, this burden of

life's earthly sorrows must be taken from them and shared by the living.

If this is not done through proper ritual grieving then the dead are in danger of becoming tormented ghosts forever.

Aboriginal religious beliefs, or as I prefer to label it, Wandjina religion, hold that it is entirely of no consequence how many good deeds an individual may do in the course of their life.

This will in no way provide any guarantee of peace after death or the equivalent of a heavenly afterlife.

What is of greatest importance in traditional Aboriginal belief is how many wrongs have been done to you in your lifetime.

Every wrong that is done to you and every sorrow you experience will accumulate and affect your ability to find peace after death.

Death in traditional Aboriginal society is therefore marked by "Sorry Time" where grieving and ritual will help absorb the sorrows of the dead and share it amongst the living.

It is a tradition still alive today and of course shares a commonality with all human cultures.

The traditional Aboriginal practice of the living no longer mentioning the name of the dead is therefore an extension of this belief in the accumulation of life sorrows.

Mentioning the name of the dead only provides a pull back to the sorrows of the real world and a disturbance to their peace after death.

After a person's death, the end of Sorry Time was usually signified by a particular totemic signal related to that person.

There was therefore not a specific fixed period for Sorry Time, except that for very important leaders and Elders, 28 days (one lunar month) was given for messages to be sent out and people to arrive, often from great distances.

This was seen in the early colonial period with the deaths of Wurundjeri leaders Bebejern in 1836 and Billibelleri in 1846.

Both deaths were marked by a 28-day Sorry Time.

It is also interesting to note just how many Wurundjeri leaders have died in August, which is immediately prior to the traditional season for childbirth.



Beberjen died in August 1836 but the precise date is not known.

Billibelleri died on August 9 1846 and William Barak died on August 15 1903.

Winnie Quogliotti (Terrick) whom I knew and who founded the Wurundjeri Tribe Council, died on August 4 1988.

Since the colonial period in Victoria, this tradition of Sorry Time has survived in essence, with people even still today referring to "Sorry Time" or "Sorry Business".

Aboriginal funerals nowadays still involve people travelling great distances to pay their respects, to give testimony to their life and share in the ritual grieving that helps the individual find peace after death.

The idea of Sorry Time was partly embraced by the apology of Prime Minister Kevin Rudd to the Stolen Generations on February 13, 2008.

Saying sorry certainly helps the living to reconcile with past sorrows, so it was gratifying to see the good grace with which Aboriginal people across Australia embraced this ritual event.

## Take a run (or walk) for the firies

RUN FOR THE FIRIES is a fun run and walk at Eltham North Reserve in Melbourne, Victoria on Sunday, October 28 2018.

This event is the major source of fundraising income for the Research and Kangaroo Ground Volunteer fire brigades.

Both brigades are staffed solely by volunteer firefighters.

Although the Victorian State Government supply them with trucks and basic fire-fighting equipment, anything outside of this needs to be purchased by the brigades.

Fundraising and applying for grants and the two most common ways for brigades to raise the required funds to purchase much needed equipment such as chainsaws, portable water pumps, brigade owned cars etc.

### Distances/Events

**4km Run/Walk**

**6km Run**

**10.6km Run**

All events start and finish at Eltham North Adventure Playground on Wattletree Rd.

**To register: [runforthefiries.com](http://runforthefiries.com)**



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# Insurance Part 5: Trauma

A positive result does not have to be so negative

## finance

By WARREN STRYBOSCH

MY MOTHER texted me last week to let me know that my father has bowel cancer.

He will have to have about a foot of his bowel removed.

It has not been the easiest year for my father. He has already had cancer removed from his leg, had a bleed on the brain; twice in fact, and now the bowel cancer.

Even with everything that has happened he remains in good spirits and just keeps rolling with the punches.

Over the last two years, I have seen my friend get throat cancer, another friend get breast cancer, and a few clients being diagnosed with various other types of cancers like brain cancer and leukaemia.

Thankfully, all but one of those have made it through their respective treatments and are in remission.

As October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, I thought I would share some facts on this dreaded disease.

For women, this is the second highest leading cause of cancer deaths (behind lung cancer) accounting for 15.5% of all cancer deaths.

On average, eight people died from Breast Cancer every day in 2015.

### Risk factors

- The risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer increases with age.

- Approximately 75% of new cases of breast cancer develop in women over the age of 50.
- The average age of the first diagnosis of breast cancer in women is 60.
- Approximately 5–10% of breast cancers are due to a strong family history or genetic mutation, such as BRCA1 or BRCA2.

### Survival

- Australia has one of the best breast cancer survival rates in the world.
- The chance of surviving at least five years (five year relative survival) has increased from 72% in 1982 – 1987 to 90% in 2018.
- The chance of surviving at least ten years (ten year relative survival) is now 83%.

Increasing survival is due to earlier diagnosis through screening and improved treatments.

It is estimated there are over 160,000 women alive who had been diagnosed with breast cancer in the previous 30 years.

### Be vigilant

Obviously, it is important for women to become familiar with the normal look, feel and shape of their breasts so they will notice any abnormal changes.

If changes are noticed, people should see a doctor immediately.

It is advised that women aged between 50 and 74 should have a mammogram every two years.

### Trauma Cover

We are living longer and surviving serious illnesses like cancer, stroke and heart disease that would have once resulted in an early death.



This is great news and a lump sum payment upon diagnosis will ensure you can focus on your recovery, rather than worrying about the impact on your financial situation.

### There is a simple solution

Trauma Cover may provide you with a lump sum benefit of up to \$2,000,000 if you are diagnosed with one of the 44 specified medical conditions that some insurers cover and if you survive 14 days from diagnosis, irrespective of whether or not your ability to work is impacted.

A Trauma Cover Plus Option (sometimes referred as a Premier Option) can provide cover for up to an extra 13 conditions.

Most of these conditions pay a partial trauma benefit because the condition is at an early stage and of lesser severity to conditions that pay a full benefit.

### Cover options to suit you

You may hold Trauma Cover as a stand-alone policy or link it to your Life and/or TPD Cover.

Trauma Cover can no longer be held inside super, but you can hold it outside super and flexi link it with your Life and/or TPD Cover inside super.

And if you link or flexi link your Trauma Cover with Life Cover, some insurers will automatically reinstate your Life Cover benefit amount 12 months after a full or partial trauma benefit is paid.

Thankfully, my friends and clients had their trauma cover in place.

It provided peace of mind at a time when it was needed most.

One of my clients, when we were sitting together at Peter Mac a few months ago and filling in his beneficiary details, turned to his wife and said, "If we did not have this [trauma] cover in place we would have lost our business and our home."

It was a very solemn moment but the husband with leukaemia knew all too well that their situation could have been much worse — not just for him but for the rest of his family too.

His experience illustrates that a positive result does not have to be so negative when you have the right cover in place.

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## Specific trauma conditions covered

Heart condition	Nervous system condition	Body organ condition	Blood condition
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Heart Attack*</li> <li>Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrest*</li> <li>Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery*</li> <li>Coronary Artery Angioplasty**</li> <li>Coronary Artery Angioplasty – Triple Vessel*</li> <li>Repair or Replacement of a Heart Valve</li> <li>Surgery of the Aorta</li> <li>Cardiomyopathy</li> <li>Open Heart Surgery</li> <li>Primary Pulmonary Hypertension</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stroke*</li> <li>Major Head Trauma</li> <li>Motor Neurone Disease</li> <li>Multiple Sclerosis</li> <li>Muscular Dystrophy</li> <li>Paralysis</li> <li>Dementia including Alzheimer's Disease</li> <li>Coma</li> <li>Encephalitis</li> <li>Parkinson's Disease</li> <li>Bacterial Meningitis/ Meningococcal Septicaemia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cancer*</li> <li>Cancer of the Vulva or Perineum*</li> <li>Benign Brain Tumour or Spinal Cord Tumour</li> <li>Blindness</li> <li>Chronic Kidney Failure</li> <li>Major Organ or Bone Marrow Transplant</li> <li>Pneumectomy</li> <li>Severe Burns</li> <li>Loss of Speech</li> <li>Loss of Hearing</li> <li>Chronic Liver Disease</li> <li>Chronic Lung Disease</li> <li>Severe Rheumatoid Arthritis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occupationally Acquired HIV</li> <li>Occupationally Acquired Hepatitis B or C</li> <li>Medically Acquired HIV</li> <li>Aplastic Anaemia</li> <li>Advanced Diabetes</li> </ul>
Other condition			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Intensive Care</li> <li>Loss of Limbs or Sight</li> <li>Loss of One Limb*</li> <li>Loss of Independent Existence</li> <li>Cognitive Loss</li> </ul>			
Extra conditions covered with Trauma Plus Option			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Carcinoma in situ**</li> <li>Breast (excluding Breast cancer with surgery and treatment)</li> <li>Cervix – uteri (excluding CIN 1 and CIN 2)</li> <li>Fallopian tube (tubal mucosa only)</li> <li>Ovary**</li> <li>Penis**</li> <li>Perineum**</li> <li>Prostate**</li> <li>Testicle**</li> <li>Vagina**</li> <li>Vulva**</li> <li>Breast Cancer with Surgery and Treatment*</li> <li>Early Stage Prostate Cancer**</li> <li>Early Stage Melanoma**</li> <li>Chronic Lymphocytic Leukaemia**</li> <li>Hydatidiform Mole**</li> <li>Diabetes Complication**</li> <li>Partial Loss of Hearing*</li> <li>Partial Blindness*</li> <li>Severe Osteoporosis*</li> <li>Severe Crohns Disease*</li> <li>Severe Ulcerative Colitis*</li> <li>Colostomy/Ileostomy*</li> </ul>			

Each of these conditions has a specific meaning. Please refer to the LifeSolutions PDS and Policy Document for a full description of all conditions covered. Those conditions marked with an \* will only pay a partial benefit amount and those conditions marked with an ^ are subject to a 90 day qualifying period.

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## To market, to market...

THE OCTOBER Warrandyte Riverside Market was a buzz of activity this month.

Due to the welcomed Spring weather, the Warrandyte Yarra River became a wonderful community hub for many locals purchasing their fruit & vegetables from local stall holders.

Carli Lange-Boutle, The President of the WCA, said it was "the biggest market that I have seen in (at least) the last two years".

The October Warrandyte Riverside Market brought many visitors to the Warrandyte market,

who had not attended before.

"Most stall holders were extremely impressed with the crowds of people and some sold out of their products before the Market concluded, especially food stalls," she said.

Carli extended her congratulations to everyone on the Warrandyte Riverside Market Committee and The Woo, "who did an amazing job with their patience and responsiveness to all situations that arose and their professionalism during a medical incident".

## THE SHARP END by Robert Black. It's gently twisted.



"How cute — an angry mob with pitchforks and torches!"



# Out of comfort and into exquisite luxury

## corner of my eye

By JO FRENCH

HAVE YOU EVER hammam-ed?

It's not really a word but it works for me.

The Hammam is a Turkish bath (or a Moroccan bath, Roman bath or steam room), it consists of multiple rooms and is steeped in ancient traditions of cleansing both the soul and the body according to a traditional ritual performed by another person.

I was recently on my first ever yoga retreat, tucked away in Hepburn Springs for a weekend of yoga, relaxation and meditation, with the opportunity to experience the onsite Hammam.

When the invitation was first extended I had declined, the sauna experiences from my 20's had left me with memories of hot dry air in my lungs and a strong urge to get out of the cedar smelling room as quickly as possible, so I opted out.

But my roommate and trusted friend Sarah was keen and encouraged me to give it a try, and as I find it a little easier to step out of my comfort zone with a friend beside me, I agreed.

I donned a white robe, (the international uniform of luxury) and stepped through a heavy wooden door where we were transported to a world of rich colours and exquisite textures.

Decorated in deep exotic colours, with heavy gold brocade curtains at its large windows that overlooked the garden, velvet couches and Persian rugs, the Hammam tea room and resting area was our first stop.

I could have just stayed there all day — it was exquisite, and if the yoga sessions and meditations hadn't already peeled away any stress and worry, this room would finish the job.

But then it was time to go into the steam room where any remaining feelings of uncertainty I was hanging onto dissipated as the heated, steamy air wrapped around us – it was nothing at all like a sauna.

As my whole body was immersed in hot air, in a half light, the desire to

speak faded.

It must have been the same for the other women as they too suddenly spoke in hushed voices — it seemed we had entered a sacred space.

Heated marble slabs lined the walls and a larger marble slab in the centre of the room was an invitation to lie down.

I later learned the imported antique Turkish taps and old sinks were actually out of a decommissioned Hammam, so the experience truly was authentic.

Our softly spoken therapists began our Hammam ritual and I shuddered as water was poured gently over my head, my senses awakened yet softened as the scent of peppermint drifted through the steam.

With a hessian glove lathered in mud soap and a strength that surprised me, I was scrubbed until my skin was smooth.

Intricately carved silver bowls with copper handles were filled with warm water and slowly poured over me, and a mud clay mask was gently painted on my face

Could this get any better?

Apparently yes.

A fine white muslin cloth had been soaking in one of the large bowls beside me, and my therapist lathered it in soap (yes, more soap) and stepped back flicking the cloth open - it was sewn like a pillow case, and as she swung it around her body it filled with air, then with a quick twist she captured the air in the cloth.

It was like watching a dance.

Then, as she held the cloth above me, millions of mud soap bubbles landed on my back.

Encased in luxurious bubbles, I felt connected to the ancient ritual, to the women who had gone before me and sat together, scrubbing and massaging one another and to the women I was sharing this experience with.

We moved quietly and carefully around one another, with a sense of being part of something that was older than time.

In this intimate setting there seemed to be a joining of spirit, with a humility required to receive from another and the willingness to give in return.

Leaving the Hammam, we returned to the resting room, where I stayed awhile, warm in my robe and heady from the steam.

I wasn't ready to leave it behind, I was thankful I had followed the prompting of a friend to step outside my comfort zone.

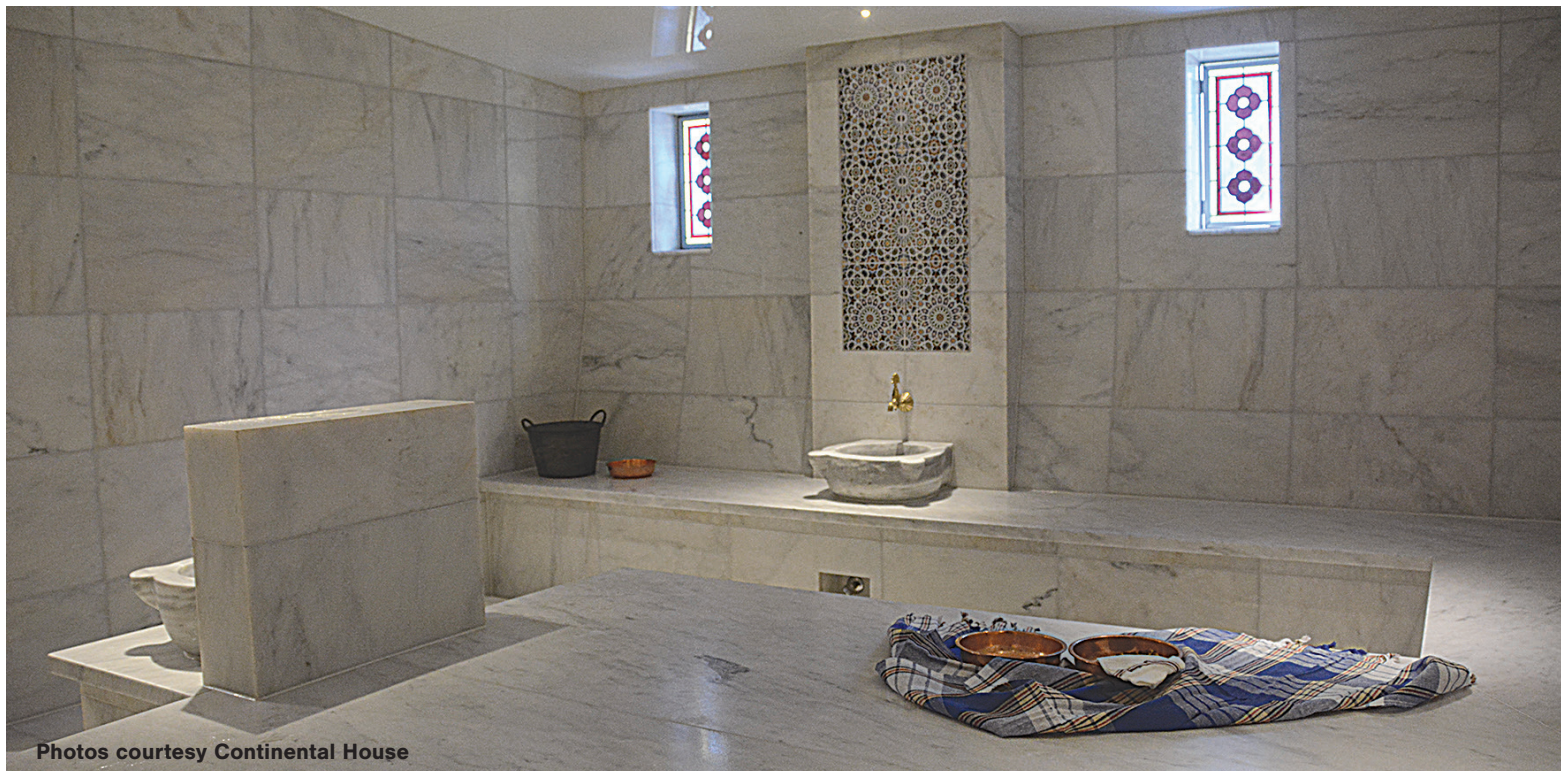
And because I know you are bursting to find out where I was — the retreat was held at Continental House in Hepburn Springs.

An historic 1920's guest house lovingly renovated by ex-Warrandytians, Steve and Veronica Whitter.

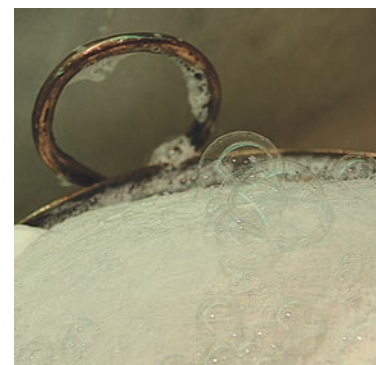
They purchased the house in 2013 and, after a trip to Turkey, they decided to install a fully authentic Hammam steam room in an old shower block at the base of the building.

The therapists are trained in Hammam ritual, and to top it all off nicely, the house is decorated with curtains and blinds from none other than our local Riveresque team.

Stepping outside my comfort zone, I really did find exquisite luxury.



Photos courtesy Continental House



# Your health and climate change

## green edge

By JEFF CRANSTON  
WarrandyteCAN

WITH AVERAGE temperatures in south-eastern Australia steadily increasing — as they are throughout the world — the extreme heat we experienced on Black Saturday is likely to be a foretaste of what is to come.

On that day, February 7, 2009, the temperature in Melbourne reached 46.4°C, the city's highest temperature on record.

According to a recent study led by the Australian National University, temperatures of 50°C could occur in Sydney and Melbourne in the next few decades.

Hotter conditions due to climate change, especially more severe heatwaves, are likely to give rise to an increased incidence in heat-related illnesses such as dehydration, heat stress and heat stroke, which can at times be fatal.

People belonging to vulnerable groups such as the very young, the sick, the elderly and the poor are likely to be most susceptible to such illnesses.

As observed by the authors of the article *Climate Change and Human Health* on the Australian Academy of Science website, in Australia

heatwaves are the most lethal of all natural disasters, being responsible for more deaths than bushfires, cyclones, earthquakes, floods and severe storms combined.

During the heatwave in Victoria in early 2009 (shortly before Black Saturday), there were 374 more deaths than average for that time of year.

Similarly, the 2014 heatwave in Victoria resulted in 167 more deaths than normally expected.

Yet we may be better able to cope with the heat than people in other parts of the world who are less familiar with heatwaves.

In Europe in July and August 2003, persistently high temperatures along with a lack of preparedness to deal with them contributed to around 50,000 more deaths than the normal average summer figure.

Heat-related illnesses are just one of the many ways climate change is having increasingly adverse impacts on human health and well-being.

These impacts are varied and wide-ranging.

The World Health Organisation has stated that while there may be some localised benefits of climate change such as fewer winter deaths in temperate regions and increased food production in certain areas, "the overall health effects of climate change are likely to be overwhelmingly negative".

It has estimated that between 2030 and 2050, climate change is likely to cause approximately 250,000 additional deaths per year from malnutrition, malaria, diarrhoea and heat stress alone (i.e. aside from deaths due to other causes linked to climate change).

The health impacts of climate change include injury, illness or death directly resulting from events likely to be causally linked to climate change, such as cyclones, floods and bushfires of increasing severity.

For example, in February 2011, severe tropical Cyclone Yasi, the largest cyclone ever to have crossed the Australian coast, resulted in a record number of presentations to the Townsville Hospital Emergency Department.

It also caused the evacuation of the Cairns Base Hospital, with 356 patients, staff and relatives transferred by air to Brisbane.

The harmful impact of such events is not just physical but also psychological.

The *Beyond Bushfires* report released in November 2016 (after a six-year study) found that more than a quarter of those people in areas highly impacted by the Black Saturday bushfires still suffered serious mental health issues years after the event.

Likewise, drought is known to cause depression and stress amongst farmers, and it is likely that worsening

droughts due to climate change will exacerbate this problem.

Beyond the direct or immediate impacts, climate change can have a range of wider and often indirect effects on health and well-being due to changed environmental conditions, crop failures, loss of habitable and agricultural land, and social unrest.

The following examples illustrate the extent of the problem:

- Increased temperatures and higher levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere can increase the production, potency and release of allergens such as pollens and spores, aggravating allergic diseases such as asthma.
- Changes to wind and rainfall patterns caused by climate change may also affect allergen production and distribution.
- The severe thunderstorm asthma event in Melbourne in November 2016 may well be at least partly attributable to climate change.
- Over the next few decades, vector-borne diseases such as dengue fever, Barmah Forest virus and Ross River virus may expand their range due to increasing temperatures and changing rainfall patterns, as well as other socio-economic and lifestyle factors related to hygiene, travel frequency and destinations.



- Warmer temperatures may also lead to an increase in diseases spread via water and food such as gastroenteritis.

Rising sea levels can be expected to cause homelessness and mass-migration, with people affected (e.g. the inhabitants of low-lying Pacific islands) potentially suffering health problems due to living in overcrowded, unhygienic refugee camps and mental trauma caused by displacement from their homes and communities.

Increasingly severe droughts are likely to devastate agricultural production and supplies of drinking water, causing food shortages, intense competition for diminishing food and water resources, higher food prices, and worse poverty.

These stressors could easily give rise to, or aggravate, social instability and civil conflict, especially in poorer, less-developed countries.

Climate change's far-reaching — and worsening — impacts on human health in Australia and throughout the world strongly highlight the need for urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and try to limit the average global temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels, as contemplated by the Paris Agreement.



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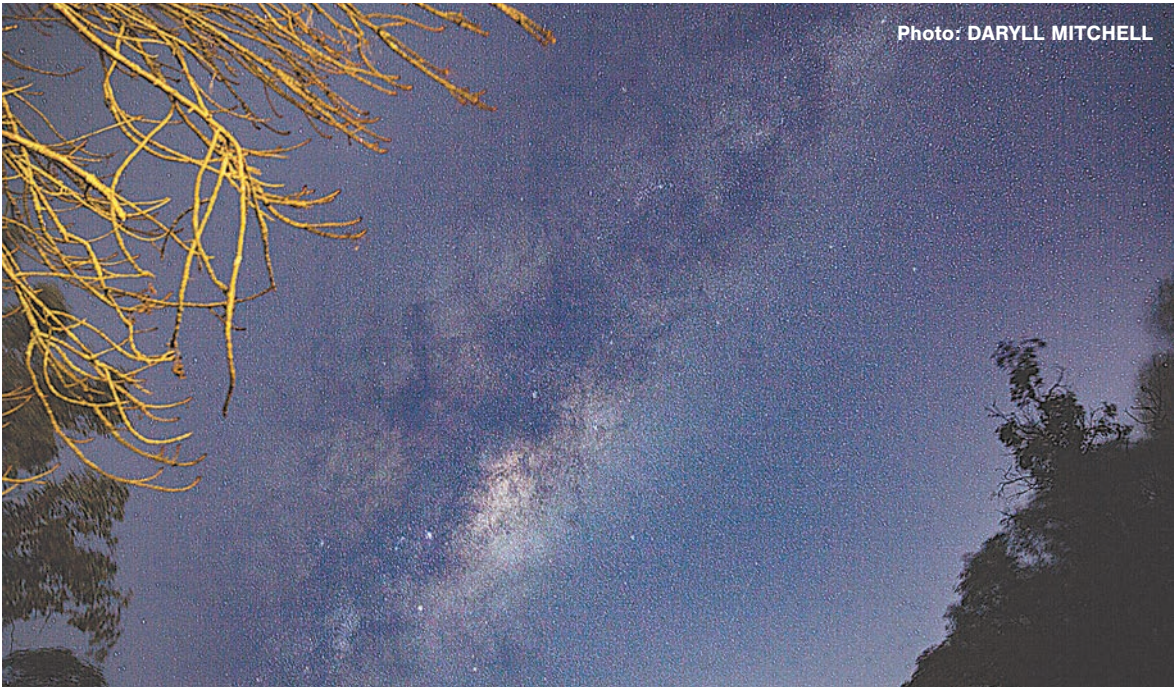


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# Warrandyte Nature

By ANDREW FRANCIS

HOW LUCKY are we to live in this beautiful little town?

Not only are we blessed with a warm, interesting and diverse community of humans, neighbours, friends and family, we are also surrounded by a unique environment of animals, birds and bugs, trees and frogs, fish and platypuses, pretty hills, hidden valleys, creeks and, of course, the mighty Yarra River.

Warrandyte truly is our very own piece of paradise!

And.... it's official, science tells us that living in nature makes us healthy and happy; and in Warrandyte there's no need for us to go searching too hard — it's all around us every time you step out your door.

In fact, sometimes the nature decides to "move in" as well!

The Facebook page *Warrandyte Nature* celebrates this beautiful environment — if it lives wild in Warrandyte, native or not, we want to see it!

It's a collection of picture postings from locals, of the

nature in and around Warrandyte.

Contributors are happy-snappers and professional photographers alike.

It's really not about the quality of the pictures, it's about people sharing their appreciation of the nature they find all about them in their everyday wanderings around Warrandyte, and in their own homes and gardens.

Here are some selected pictures from the page, we hope you enjoy them!

If you're on Facebook and would like some more Nature in your feed, or if you'd like to contribute, find us by searching for 'Warrandyte Nature'.

Contributors are also just starting to bring their art "off the web" and into the local community with an ongoing and evolving exhibition at the Warrandyte Library — we invite you to drop by and have a look next time you are passing by.



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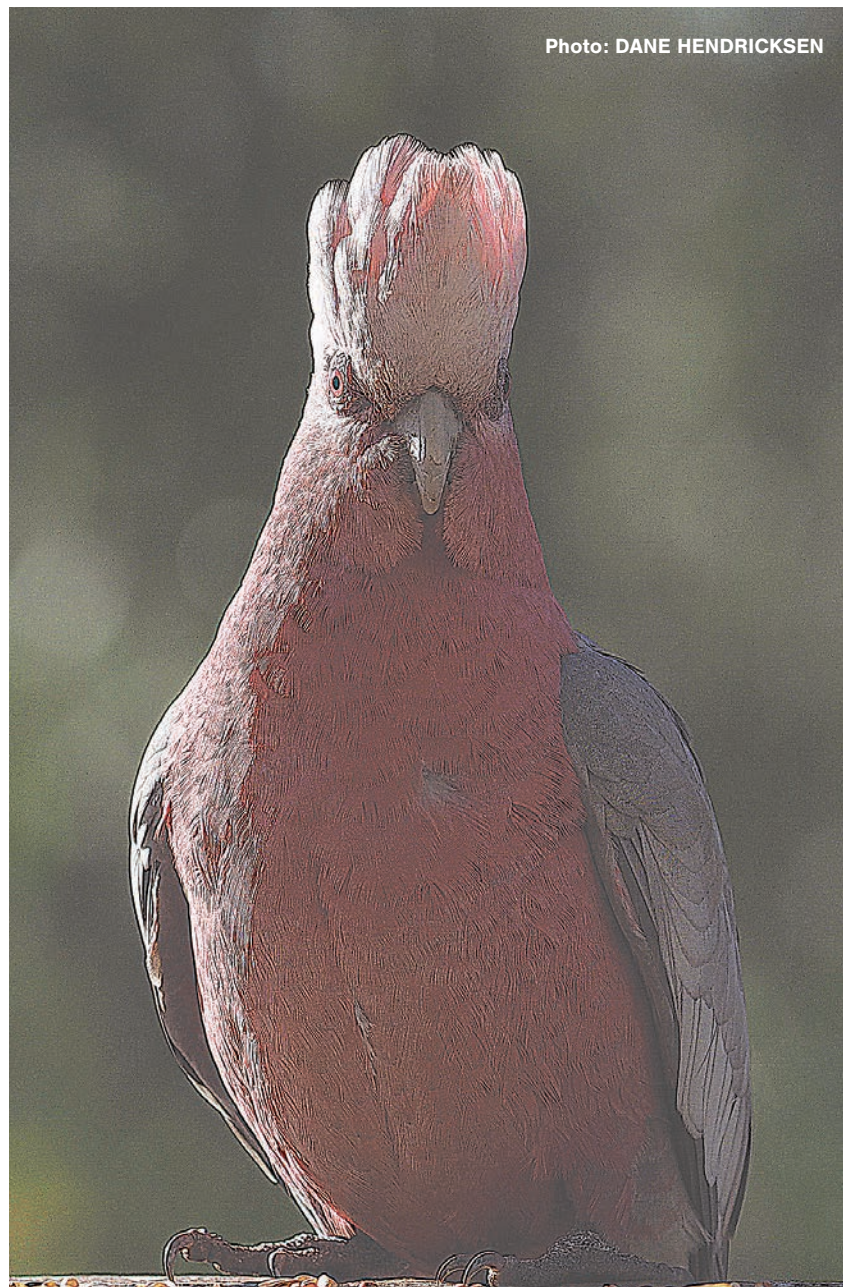


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# Getting out and about in

## Growing together

By SANDI MILLER

ST STEPHEN'S Church in Stiggant Street has established Warrandyte's newest community garden, and everyone is invited to join in.

The church's minister, Maria Brand said the congregation wanted to have the space where people can come and garden and harvest and share time together.

"Once a month we meet out here and we use some of the garden produce, so we made soup — it was sort of stone soup — everything that you could find to contribute and the kids made damper, which we cooked in the wood fired oven, and we spent some time together."

The Church was given a grant from Manningham Council to establish the garden, which they set up in April.

"It is only new, just in the last couple of months.

"It has been winter and has been a bit hard so we want to get ready now to plant lots of new things and we want to do a little bit more work to it, some water tanks and a fire pit."

Maria told the *Diary* the main difference between this and a regular community garden is its aspect of hospitality.

"What is grown, whether that be flowers or food, we can give to others, whether that be a meal, or if there is someone in the community that could do with a blessing that week, to share some of the produce."

She says it is also about having a space where people can come and gather.

"It is about a sense of community, I think, and the idea that when you come together and you work on something together and grow together and share together there is a richness there," she said.

For Maria, the Warrandyte village community vibe of sharing things together is a significant reason that a community garden is attractive to local residents over establishing a plot on their own property.

"Yes you can do things on your own, but it is so much better when you share them together," she said.

The congregation have Sunday afternoon gatherings which range in size, sometimes just a dozen or so, but up to about 60 for special events.

"We did a Winter Solstice party, which was lovely, and we have gatherings on Sunday afternoons — it is not a church service and it is open to everybody, we don't include our religious content in that gathering, so anybody from any background or walk of life is welcome — there is not something that they are uncomfortable with going to be imposed on them."

Ellie Scott helped establish the garden and said that she enjoyed having something to work on together and creating something beautiful.

"The sense of community is just wonderful, it is just nice to be able to have a space out here to come and eat together and be together in such a beautiful setting," she said.

Kirsty Freeman said her favourite aspect is that it entices people to come outside.

"To spend some time outside in the beautiful area amongst the trees rather than just sitting in the hall, it gets so shady here we just love it."

"It would be nice to get more of the community rather than just the church community to know it is here," she said.



## Community Garden open day

By JUDITH IRENE GREEN

WARRANDYTE Community Garden will be holding an Open Day on Sunday November 11.

Visitors will be most welcome between 11am and 3pm on the day.

The garden is situated in Police Street immediately behind the Warrandyte Police station.

The garden, previously the police horse paddock, is now the site for the production of nutritious vegetables all year round.

With the environment in mind it is operated organically.

All unwanted vegetation is composted and water is supplemented by a tank fed from the police station roof.

A recently announced grant from the Warrandyte Bendigo Bank will enable more efficient use of this water.

This brings contributions from the bank over recent years to more than \$15,500.

This is very much appreciated.



## No kidding!



It is not just birds, flowers and food that fills our Warrandyte gardens, some of our community keep goats too.

*Diary* reporter David Hogg, sent us these photos of the new "kid" on his block.

Pictured above: new kid at birth  
Pictured left: kids after 12 days



# our Warrandyte gardens

## Rewarding weekends in Warrandyte gardens

### gardening

By KATHY GARDINER

THE GREEN bins have been emptied, the sun is shining, the birds are singing. Time to get on the gloves and head out.

Instantly the garden comes alive with movement.

The inevitable rabbits go scurrying, the currawongs swoop to get a better look at the prey intruding on their domain, pardalotes pop their heads from their rocky nests.

The bulbs are finishing, the irises just starting and the new growth on the roses quite astounding.

Amazing what a difference compost makes.

You wander around and see the changes, how quickly things happen even over a few days.

A ladybird catches my eye — remember to keep chemical pesticides out of the garden so these little guys can do their work.

The garden is so dry this year.

A warning that summer 2018 will be a hot and dangerous one for us Warrandyte folk.

At least the Bridge will be finished by then... or will it?

I pull out a rogue bunch of onion weed that I missed last year and instantly a flurry of activity as giant bull ants come to see what the disturbance is all about.

The magnolias are in full bud as is the crabapple and the quince.

Bees are everywhere.

I have five hives here, tended to by a local apiarist.

Maybe something you might like to research, enrol in a short course or just do some extra reading, I was reading the other day that there are "Rent-a-Chook" companies if you want to "try before you buy" with raising hens.

The company supplies coop and hens and all the paraphernalia that is needed.

There is nothing nicer than to have chickens, regardless of the size of your property.

The garden is all movement and change and demands.

Prune me. Fertilize me. Transplant me. Plant me. Photograph me!

"I am looking my best did you even notice me?"

Sometimes the garden is a haven for peace, sometimes it is as demanding as a small child.

I am thirsty. I am cold. I am hot. I am hungry. It's too hot here. I need more space.

Sometimes it is nice to work and walk in the garden with a companion where you can show off your hard work, to discuss plans and dreams and disasters.

But sometimes you find yourself alone and wonder whether a pot on the balcony of one of the newfangled apartments is the answer.

Believe me I think about it a lot and I have come to the conclusion that, no, it is not the answer.

We are so blessed with the space around us.

What a luxury, it really is.

Invite others to share the delights of the garden and make the garden easier to maintain.

Mass planting, get rid of lawns, more gravel areas.

Community gardens are a great way to interact with other gardening lovers if you want to grow crops but just find that time is so hard to come by.

Maybe your land is just not suitable for growing crops or you are renting or just keep putting off preparing beds and gardens.

To grow and harvest your own food maybe you should think about joining a community garden.

Lots of advice is passing on from gardener to gardener and the feeling

of being part of something bigger is wonderful.

Warrandyte has a thriving community garden down near the river and there is other gardens within the adjoining neighbourhoods.

Maybe check out the Friends of Warrandyte State Park FOWSP if you want to get your hands dirty.

Working with local Indigenous plants. My daughter has just come home from the fabulous Warrandyte Food Swap.

Where Warrandytians who find themselves with a surplus of a crop or crops can take it down near the river to the Warrandyte Community Garden on Warrandyte Market Day (the first Saturday of the month).

There is a group of dedicated volunteers who turn up rain, hail or shine to place the fruit and vegetables in baskets and pots ready to be swapped with other delights.

Tess has come home with spinach, a pot of oregano and lemons from this weekend.

She took bay leaves, eggs and small bunches of rosemary to swap.

A lot of gardening chatter and advice given and just a monthly catch up makes it a lovely morning.

Anyone is welcome — anything grown in the garden is welcome.

Even jars of preserves, seeds or gardening books.

Just small offerings.

This month will see lots more surplus fruit and vegetables.

Eggplants, zucchinis, herbs, lettuces and spinaches.

Why don't you pop down and get involved, you don't have to garden alone.

"You don't have a garden just for yourself. You have it to share."

Augusta Carter



## Which bird rules the roost in your backyard?



Photo: ANDREW SILCOCKS

LOCAL RESIDENTS will soon discover if the rainbow lorikeet is still Warrandyte's most common backyard bird, with counting set to begin on October 22 for BirdLife Australia's week-long Aussie Backyard Bird Count.

The rainbow lorikeet, which was the most counted bird in local backyards in 2017 ahead of the noisy miner and Australian magpie, has also remained the most counted bird in Australia since the Aussie Backyard Bird Count began in 2014.

While its distinctive squawk and bright colouring make the rainbow lorikeet easily recognisable, other birds can be easily identified and counted using the specially designed app available from [aussiebirdcount.org.au](http://aussiebirdcount.org.au) which helps people identify local birds based on size, shape, colour and location.

BirdLife Australia's Sean Dooley, says locals can expect to see a range of exciting birds around Warrandyte due to its proximity to the Yarra, impressive bushland reserves and the large number of bird-friendly gardens maintained by locals.

"Last year over 7,000 individual birds of 107 different species were counted in the City of Manningham, including a good mix of waterbirds, urban dwellers and bush birds.

"Pleasingly, eight of the ten most commonly recorded birds were native species, with 12 species of parrots being prominent among them — there were even a couple of rare species such as powerful owl and azure kingfisher recorded," said Mr Dooley.

"The data we have gathered over the past four years from communities such as Warrandyte is giving BirdLife Australia a clearer picture of which birds share our backyards, and an early sign of problems that might be emerging," Mr Dooley said.

"As well as providing important information about local birds in Warrandyte and along the Yarra, we're also seeing people connect with neighbours and other locals through their feathered friends."

In order to count more than two million birds in seven days, BirdLife Australia is calling on everyone in the Warrandyte area to join the count on October 22-28 and record the birds they see in their backyards and favourite outdoor spaces.

In 2017, more than 72,000 nature-loving Australians took time out from their busy schedules to count more than 1.9 million birds.

People can download the updated Aussie Bird Count app and take part anywhere — not just backyards, but in local parks, botanical gardens, schoolyards or beaches — wherever you might see birds.

The national total will be updated in real time, and the app allows you to see which species are being seen in other backyards and green spaces around Warrandyte.

Start spreading the word with #AussieBirdCount.



For events and activities during National Bird Week visit [aussiebirdcount.org.au](http://aussiebirdcount.org.au).

Species	Birds counted
Rainbow Lorikeet	1270
Noisy Miner	933
Australian Magpie	437
Red Wattlebird	409
Common Myna	396
Sulphur-crested Cockatoo	372
Little Raven	370
Spotted Dove	276
Welcome Swallow	263
Galah	183

Table: Last year's top 10 birds in Manningham:





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## buzz about town

**Event: Seniors Festival Day**  
**Maroondah City Council**  
**When:** Tuesday, October 16, 9am – 3pm  
**Where:** Karralyka Centre, Mines Road, Ringwood East.  
**Info:** Includes Seniors Well-being Expo, celebration lunch and entertainment. [www.karralyka.com.au](http://www.karralyka.com.au)

**Event: Manningham Seniors Music Evening**  
**When:** Tuesday, October 16, 7pm–9pm  
**Where:** Doncaster Playhouse, 679 Doncaster Road, Doncaster  
**Info:** All Manningham Seniors are invited to enjoy an evening with Adam Cursio and band who will pay tribute to some of the best musicians of all time.  
[www.manningham.vic.gov.au/doncaster-playhouse](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au/doncaster-playhouse)

**Event: Skills 4 the Future Careers Expo**  
**Manningham City Council**  
**When:** Wednesday, October 17, 6pm–9pm  
**Where:** Manningham Function Centre, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster  
**Info:** Aimed at young people to improve access to local education and employment opportunities.  
[www.manninghamfunctioncentre.com.au](http://www.manninghamfunctioncentre.com.au)

**Event: Film Society – Victoria and Abdul**  
**When:** Friday, October 19, 7pm for 7:30pm start  
**Where:** Warrandyte Neighbourhood House  
**Info:** Sign up for annual membership – Just \$50 for July 2018 through to June 2019. Includes screenings, nibbles prior to film, coffee and conversation afterwards. Wine is sold by the glass. DVD's available to hire, free of charge to members. Friendly social group - come along and meet new people.

**Event: Walk to Remember**  
**When:** Sunday, October 21, 10:30am–1:30pm  
**Where:** Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster.  
Entrance via The Boulevard.  
**Info:** A memorial walk and ceremony to honour babies who have died through miscarriage, stillbirth and newborn death  
[www.sandsvic.org.au](http://www.sandsvic.org.au)

**Event: Pram Walk/Safety Talk**  
**Manningham City Council**  
**When:** Sunday, October 21, 11:30am–1:30pm  
**Where:** Ruffey Lake Park, The Boulevard Playground  
**Info:** Guided by Manningham's Maternal & Child Health Nurses, the 1.5km walk will be followed by a free BBQ lunch and safety workshop from KidSafe and Victoria Police.  
[www.manningham.vic.gov.au](http://www.manningham.vic.gov.au)

**Event: Nillumbik Volunteer Expo**  
**When:** Tuesday, October 23, 10am–1pm  
**Where:** Eltham Community & Reception Centre, 801 Main Road, Eltham  
**Info:** [www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

**Event: AGM — Warrandyte Neighbourhood House Inc.**  
**When:** Tuesday, October 23, 2pm  
**Where:** Warrandyte Neighbourhood House  
**Info:** RSVP 03 9844 1839 or email [admin@wnh.org.au](mailto:admin@wnh.org.au)  
All welcome

**Event: Leslie Avril**  
**When:** Sunday, October 28, 4pm–8pm  
**Where:** Warrandyte RSL, 113 Brackenbury Street, Warrandyte  
**Info:** 0413 155 177 or [warrandytersl@gmail.com](mailto:warrandytersl@gmail.com)  
Come along and enjoy the music. Donation for band appreciated. BBQ from 6pm. Platters and drinks available from bar. All welcome.

**Event: Yarra Valley VIEW Club Lunch**  
**When:** Tuesday, October 30, 12pm  
**Where:** Chirside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirside Park  
**Info:** Wendy 0438 625 556 Bookings essential.  
Guest speaker Mary Anne Bennie —Decluttering

**Event: Friends of Warrandyte State Park Nursery**  
**When:** Saturday, November 3, 9am – 2pm  
**Where:** Pound Bend Rd, Warrandyte State Park  
**Info:** 1300 764 422

**Event: Warrandyte Community Garden Open Day**  
**When:** Sunday, November 11, 11am–3pm  
**Where:** Police Street, Warrandyte  
**Info:** With the environment in mind, the garden is operated organically. Come along and see how our garden grows.

**Event: Recycling & Upcycling Sale**  
**When:** Saturday, November 17, 10am–12pm  
**Where:** Warrandyte Uniting Church, Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte  
**Info:** Ken on 0407 839 718 or [www.riverflow.com.au](http://www.riverflow.com.au)  
Bring TVs, CDs, DVDs, bicycles, computers, ink cartridges, phones, glasses, stamps, material, buttons, batteries, bras, corks and light globes. Goods for sale — furniture, appliances, books, plants and more.

**Event: Music Together**  
**When:** Wednesdays, 9:30am – 11am  
**Where:** Warrandyte Uniting Church Hall, Taroona Avenue, Warrandyte  
**Info:** Robyn Bonthorne 0438 804 381 or Joan McDonnell 9844 4730. Music together is an exciting, educational music programme for children aged 0 – 4yrs, together with their parent or guardian. Our excellent music therapist provides a fun time using a variety of musical experiences, including instruments, parachute, scarves etc. We provide morning tea and chat for children and carers after the session.

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## Local markets

**Park Orchards Market**  
Saturday, October 20, 9am – 1pm  
Park Orchards Primary School, 1-3 Bowmore Avenue, Park Orchards

**Kinglake Produce & Artisan Market**  
Sunday, October 28, 10am – 2pm  
94 Whitelake-Kinglake Road, Kinglake

**Bumble Bee Bay & Children's Market**  
Sunday, October 21, 9am–12pm  
Central Ringwood Community Centre, Rosewarne Lane, Ringwood

**Warrandyte Riverside Market**  
Saturday, November 3  
8am – 1pm  
Stiggants Reserve Warrandyte

**Eltham Twilight Spring Market**  
Thursday, October 25  
4pm – 8pm  
Eltham Town Square, Eltham

**Croydon Farmers Market**  
Saturday, November 10  
8am – 1pm  
Croydon Park, Hewish Road Croydon

**Wonga Park Twilight Market**  
Saturday, October 27  
3pm – 7:30pm  
Wonga Park Primary School, Dudley Road, Wonga Park

**Eltham Farmers' Market**  
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out & about

**Event:** Trivia Night at Rosebank  
**When:** Wednesday, October 17, 7pm-9pm  
**Where:** Rosebank North,  
149-151 Warrandyte Road, Ringwood North  
**Info:** Tickets \$5 and winning table takes all!  
www.rosebanknorth.com.au

**Event:** Last Laugh at Wonga Park for 2018  
**When:** Thursday, October 18, 7pm-9pm  
**Where:** Wonga Park Community Cottage,  
Unit 1, 9-13 Old Yarra Road, Wonga Park  
**Info:** Be part of the last laughter class with Tracy Bartram.  
Tickets \$35. Bookings essential.  
www.wongaparkcommunitycottage.org.au

**Event:** The Grange Shiraz Challenge  
**When:** Thursday, October 18, 6:45pm-10:30pm  
**Where:** Fondata 1872,  
150 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground  
**Info:** Fondata challenges you to compare the Aussie iconic  
wine with some hot contenders. Can you pick it? Tickets \$195  
www.fondata1872.com

**Event:** Aussie ROCK Party Night!  
**When:** Friday, October 19, 8:30pm-10:30pm  
**Where:** Grand Hotel Warrandyte, 110 Yarra Street, Warrandyte  
**Info:** www.grandhotelwarrandyte.com

**Event:** Nunawading & District Lapidary Club – Gem Show  
**Where:** Dorset Primary School, Rescorla Avenue, Croydon  
**When:** Saturday, October 20, 9am-5pm  
& Sunday, October 21, 10am-5pm  
**Info:** Adults \$4, Children free. Enquiries: Phil Brewer 9717 0161  
or Phil Toland 9761 3169. Come along and see a wonderful array  
of jewellery, crafts, slabs, mineral and gemstones. Refreshments  
available.

**Event:** Messy Play Day  
**When:** Saturday, October 20, 10am-2pm  
**Where:** Hohnes Road Playhouse, Hohnes Road Lot 1, Eltham  
**Info:** Bring the kids along to have some messy fun. Limited  
spaces for each session. Tickets \$7 per child.  
www.hohnesroadplayhouse.com

**Event:** Spring Harvest Festival Family Fun Day  
**When:** Sunday, October 21, 9am-2pm  
**Where:** Yering Station, 38 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen  
**Info:** www.yering.com

**Event:** Garden Party  
**When:** Sunday, October 21, 10am-5pm  
**Where:** Rob Dolan Wines, 21 Delaney Road, Warrandyte South  
**Info:** www.robdolanwines.com.au

**Event:** Gertrude Opera — Yarra Valley Opera Festival  
**When:** Sunday, October 21, 2pm-4pm  
**Where:** Olinda Yarra, 17-19 Macintyre Lane, Yering  
**Info:** Tickets \$30-\$120. www.yarrawalleyoperafestival.com.au

**Event:** Four Pillars Gin Dinner  
**When:** Friday, October 26, 7pm-11pm  
**Where:** RACV Healesville Country Club,  
122 Healesville-Kinglake Road, Healesville  
**Info:** \$130 pp includes canapes and four-course dinner with  
matching gin cocktails. www.racv.com.au

**Event:** Yarra Valley Railway Ghost Train  
**When:** Friday, October 26, from 6pm; October 27, from 8pm  
**Where:** Yarra Valley Railway,  
Healesville-Kinglake Road, Healesville  
**Info:** Rides on the Walker Railmotor RM22 depart every  
hour from Healesville station. Tickets \$30-\$35. Bookings essential.  
Suitable for children over 12 years old. www.yvr.org.au

**Event:** Yarra Valley Railway Little Train of Spooks  
**When:** Saturday, October 27 and Sunday, October 28  
**Info:** Train rides designed for pre and primary school kids and  
their families departing regularly from Healesville Station. Prizes for  
best dressed on each trip. Tickets \$12-50. Tickets available online  
or on the day but recommended to book to avoid disappointment.  
www.yvr.org.au

**Event:** Burning of the Vines  
**When:** Saturday, October 27, 3pm-10pm  
**Where:** Rochford Wines – Yarra Valley,  
878-880 Maroondah Highway, Coldstream  
**Info:** The inaugural burning of the vines. Free event.  
www.rochfordwines.com.au

**Event:** Run for the Firies  
**When:** Sunday, October 28, 7:30am-12pm  
**Where:** 3 Cedar Avenue, Eltham North  
**Info:** Run a 10.6km, 6km and 4km run/walk to help raise  
money for the Research and Kangaroo Ground Volunteer Fire  
Brigades and CFA. registernow.io/event/ap-190

**Event:** Kellybrook Sunday Sessions – ‘Velvet Lounge’  
**Where:** Kellybrook Winery, Fulford Road, Wonga Park  
**When:** Sunday, October 28, 11am-5pm  
**Info:** Free event. Hot Coals food truck, grazing platters and  
specials.

**Event:** Baskets from the Garden  
**When:** Sunday, October 28  
**Where:** Allowyn Gardens & Nursery,  
1210 Melba Highway, Yarra Glen  
**Info:** Learn how to harvest, dry and store plants and create  
your own basket Tickets \$145. www.craftschoolz.com

**Event:** Music on the Hill – Main Stage  
**When:** Sunday, October 28, 12pm-6pm  
**Where:** Pantom Hill Firefighters Memorial Park,  
Bishops Road, Pantom Hill  
**Info:** Enjoy an amazing line up of local music talent.  
Free event.

**Event:** Leslie Avril Band  
**When:** Sunday, October 28, 4pm-8pm  
**Where:** Warrandyte RSL,  
113 Brakenbury Street, Warrandyte  
**Info:** Free event.

**Event:** Halloween Light Party  
**When:** Wednesday, October 31, 4:30pm-6pm  
**Where:** St Stephen’s Anglican Church,  
Stiggants Street, Warrandyte  
**Info:** Free for children and their parents, come dressed as  
something fun. Call Karen for info 0408 340 351.

**Event:** Cinema in the Vines  
**When:** Friday, November 9  
**Where:** Rob Dolan Wines,  
21 Delaneys Road, Warrandyte South  
**Info:** Enjoy a screening of the movie *Eat, Pray, Love* on the big  
screen in the outdoor cinema. Tickets \$22-\$100  
www.thefarmyarravalley.com.au

**Event:** Rukus Live @ St Andrews Hotel  
**When:** Saturday, November 10, 9pm to midnight  
**Where:** St Andrews Hotel, 79 Burns Street, St Andrews  
**Info:** Be entertained by the award winning, five-piece country  
rock band. Free event.

**Event:** Healesville Music Festival  
**When:** Friday to Sunday, November 16-18  
**Info:** A fun festival of music, workshops, entertainment and  
food. On site camping sites available.  
www.healesvillemusicfestival.com.au

**Event:** Grand Opening — Bramleigh Estate  
**When:** Sunday, November 25, 10am-3pm  
**Where:** Bramleigh Estate, Warrandyte,  
420 Ringwood-Warrandyte Road, Warrandyte South  
**Info:** Come and see the new Bramleigh Estate and meet  
suppliers who can help create your dream wedding. Free event.  
www.bramleighestate.com.au

**Event:** Yarra Valley Xmas Polo  
**When:** Sunday, November 25, 10am-5pm  
**Where:** Yarra Valley Polo Club, Flowerfield,  
23-27 Coldstream West Road, Coldstream  
**Info:** Tickets \$25. www.yarrawalleypolo.com

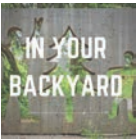
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# On the shoulders of giants

LOCAL WARRANDYTE resident, Gerard Stevenson, fell while working at home four years ago.

His wife, Sue, was only metres away and saw him crash through the deck railing.

Even though she was so close, by the time she got to him, Gerard had stopped breathing and his heart had stopped.

Three neighbours heard Sue's screams for help and rushed to her aid. All four took turns applying CPR.

Despite the fact that there were no visible signs of life they continued with the CPR until the paramedics arrived. The paramedics were amazed.

Despite Gerard's obvious, severe injuries, they detected just the faintest pulse.

The next challenge was to move Gerard carefully to the ambulance.

This was no easy task, there were quite a few steps to negotiate.

However, with the assistance of the Warrandyte Fire Brigade and the State Emergency Service, the paramedics were able to transport Gerard to the Warrandyte Football ground.

There the air ambulance was waiting. Gerard was flown to the Alfred Hospital, X-rays and scans revealed that Gerard had broken his neck and spine in several places.

The most serious break was at the top of the spinal cord.

Rarely does anyone survive with such massive injuries.

After a series of operations Gerard was taken off the heavy sedation.

The doctor, accompanied by Sue, gave Gerard a choice.

His injuries were massive.

He was on life support.

He was paralysed from the neck down.

The critical question was this: did he want to go on?

Because of his injuries Gerard was not able to talk.

Nevertheless, it was obvious from his animated reaction that he indeed wanted to go on.

Regardless of the enormous challenges facing him and his family he had no intention of giving up now.

Gerard spent the next year, to the day, in the spinal cord ward of the Austin Hospital.

While he was there Premier Daniel Andrews paid him a visit.

The Premier was keen to see for himself the technology Gerard was utilising.

The Premier wanted to see how Gerard was interacting with his computer.

Gerard was using Dragon voice activated software.

He was also using eye-tech.

This latter technology allowed him to use his eyes to navigate his way around the desktop.

Here Gerard describes in his own words the fiasco that unfolded.

"The eye-tech relies on me being in the correct position for the eyes to line up with the computer.

"I had only had the eye-tech a few days so getting in the right position was quite a challenge.

"Murphy's Law came into play — I had spent 20 minutes trying to get in the right position without any luck.

"The Premier came right on time, so there was no way I could demonstrate the eye-tech.

"Not to worry though, I still had the Dragon software.

But Murphy's Law continued to play havoc — I wear headphones so that I can interact with the computer, but I had forgotten to put the headphones on charge overnight so I couldn't use Dragon either.

"Sue, my wife, and I went into creative mode.

"I acted as if there was nothing wrong, talking into the flat headphones, Sue stood behind the computer screen

and typed as I spoke so it looked as if Dragon was actually working.

"There was only one little problem with this subterfuge — I was talking so fast that Sue was paraphrasing just to keep up.

"The Premier and his entourage were clearly amazed at this very creative software.

"The Premier eventually became aware as to what was going on and to his credit, played along."

The Premier then asked Gerard if he had any plans.

Much to the amusement of the Premier and his entourage Gerard said that he was determined to become a taxpayer again.

For Gerard becoming a taxpayer again was his benchmark for measuring his return to productive work.

His answer was so unexpected and funny that he appeared that night on the Channel 7 and Channel 9 national news.

Now, four years later, Gerard is ready to return to work.

Before his injury he had written four books.

In these books there were over 80 stories about people who had faced seemingly impossible challenges.

With dogged persistence, courage and some lateral thinking they were able to achieve the "seemingly impossible".

When you see Gerard's books you will immediately notice there is something different about them.

They have strings attached.

That is, the book comes with some conditions.

With the first string, Gerard has flipped the way books are usually sold.

With Gerard's books you, the reader, get to set the price after you finish reading the book. There is a recommended price but you can pay more or less according to the



Photo: SANDI MILLER

Author, Gerard Stevenson with wife Sue (left)

inspiration and motivation you receive from reading the stories in the book.

With the second string Gerard simply asks that you pass the book onto someone else to read after you have finished reading it.

Here is what one reader wrote about Gerard's books:

*Gerard is a giant of a man whose life's work included inspiring others to greatness.*

*In a punchy and powerful style Gerard wrote Standing on the Shoulders of Giants about great men and women who have inspired others by overcoming seemingly insurmountable odds.*

*In a twist of fate Gerard himself then suffered a disastrous fall that resulted in agony and great loss.*

*Gerard writes of his own remarkable recovery, of what true grit and resilience looks like post such an event.*

*Read Gerard's books, and his blog. Pass on his remarkable spirit to others.*

*You will be richer for it.*

Tanis Cameron,  
Manager Tracheostomy Review and  
Management Service (TRAMS)  
Austin Health, Melbourne

**You can pick up one of Gerard's books at the Warrandyte Diary office, Yarra Street, Warrandyte or Luther College, Yarra Road, Croydon Hills.**

**Alternatively you can go to Gerard's website: [standontheshouldersofgiants.com.au](http://standontheshouldersofgiants.com.au)**

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## Better Together exhibition

Monday 17 September – Monday 1 October  
St Andrews Community Centre

*Better Together* is a travelling exhibition featuring work by artists from Araluen and St John of God Accord. The exhibition was named after a work of art entitled *Better Together*, commissioned by Council to celebrate the International Day of People with Disability. It was created by resident artists from St John of God Accord. While you are at the exhibition, fill in the feedback postcards about how we can make Nillumbik more inclusive. This feedback is just one of many consultations being undertaken to help shape Council's new four-year Disability Action Plan.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/inclusion](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/inclusion)

## Seniors Festival

The 2018 Victorian Seniors Festival takes place throughout October. The theme of this year's Festival is 'Get Social'. Regardless of background, experience or mobility, everyone is encouraged to take part to learn new skills and make new friends in our community. The State Government will provide free public transport for Victorian Seniors Card holders in metropolitan and regional Victoria from Sunday 7 to Sunday 14 October. A range of exciting events and activities will be happening throughout the Shire. You can view the program at

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## Open Cellars

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October, 11am-5pm

You're invited to join the Spring Open Cellars Weekend and visit amazing boutique and family-owned wineries in the Nillumbik Shire.

[opencellars.com.au](http://opencellars.com.au)

## pet expo

Sunday 21 October, 10am-3.30pm  
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The Pet Expo is a fun-filled day out for both two and four-legged visitors. This vibrant event celebrates our furry and feathered companions and has plenty on offer to keep them happy and healthy including displays and demonstrations, nutritional and grooming advice, obedience training, education and much more. Wild Action Zoo will present three live shows at this year's expo, featuring a koala, wallabies and other Australian species, while Leigh's Farmyard Friends will provide a tamer experience with a petting zoo.

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Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 November

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[artistsopenstudios.com.au](http://artistsopenstudios.com.au)

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The inaugural Volunteer Expo will be held during the 2018 Nillumbik Seniors Festival. This all-ages event will showcase volunteer opportunities in the Nillumbik community, and help attendees find out more about volunteering. For information, email

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## Rotary Eltham Town Festival

Saturday 10 November, 12pm-9.30pm  
Sunday 11 November, 9am-5pm  
Alistair Knox Park, Eltham Central Oval  
and Eltham Skate Park

There's something for everyone at this two-day festival held across three venues. Free activities include the Hot Rod display, a mobile farm and evening fireworks display.

Local sporting and community groups invite you to try out activities at the Have a Go Oval.

There'll also be three stages of music and heaps of stalls and food. The Eltham Woodworkers will have their annual display, and a scooter and skateboard competition is on at the Eltham Skate Park.

[elthamfestival.org.au](http://elthamfestival.org.au)



# Singing for asylum

By BRIDIE OAK FRANCIS

THE MECHANICS Hall was buzzing with excitement on Saturday night, September 22, as a "full house" crowd excitedly waited for *Enchoir Away* to take the stage.

Enchoir, of course, is our very own, uniquely Warrandytian, choir led by vivacious choirmaster Lucy Paris-Appleby.

The event was co-organised with Now and Not Yet founder, Derek Bradshaw, and raised \$1,800 for the café's Asylum Seeker program in Warrandyte.

The audience were treated to an entertaining and merry night of inspiring songs and talented harmonizing voices and, in true variety show format, comical acts, magic performance and much more!

From the *Sound of Music* to ABBA, serenading us with songs about hope and love, the choir had everyone out of their seats to finish on *Dancing Queen*.

The inner lights of choir members were shining bright and everyone left with a smile and a feeling of pride in our beautiful, generous community.

Enchoir first formed when Lucy posted an article on the Warrandyte Business and Community Page on Facebook about the beneficial psychological effects of group singing.

She got a big response from the post, so she decided to start the choir.

"I really just wanted to push people to come out of their shells more because I know there's a budding popstar behind every person."

The choir caters for all different people; some people in the choir prefer not to perform and just go to rehearsals.

Lucy talked about how being part of the choir is an all-consuming thing, and she is thinking about it from the minute she wakes up.

"It's such a creative thing ... and a really great buzz," said Lucy.

She said being part of the choir also gives you a licence to make stuff up and try new things.

When Lucy started the choir, Derek (founder of Now and

Not Yet) said they wanted to be affiliated with the choir because it fitted well with their ethos.

"We're very proud to be associated with them," Lucy said.

There are a lot of people who have been separated from their families in different countries and are really struggling, so giving them a home or employment "gives them the start they so badly need".

Enchoir also wanted to keep it local, so people could visually see where the money is going.

"We love being able to raise money because it gives a lot more meaning to what we're doing."

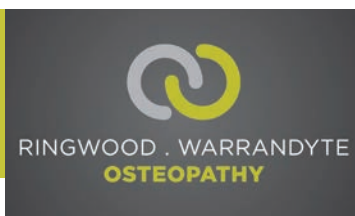
To join Enchoir go to the website [www.enchoir.net](http://www.enchoir.net) and click for a free session and you can go along to a rehearsal and see if you like it.

Don't forget, every time you get along to an Enchoir concert or stop off for a coffee at Now and Not Yet, you're supporting our local community and the wonderful work they do for asylum seekers.

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Photo: BRIDIE OAK FRANCIS



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# Hanging up her baton

By DAWN ALEXANDER  
Bellbirds Choir

AT AN EMOTIONAL Bellbird Singers AGM on Monday October 1, it was announced that the choir director and founder Lise Moran will be retiring from the position at the end of the year.

After 21 years of service and inspiration during which time the choir has blossomed in numbers and skill, she has decided that it's time to hang up her baton to travel and relax.

With a committee decision taken not to search for a replacement choir director, the members sadly voted to close the organisation down after a final performance in December.

The Bellbirds have been a well-known local identity for a long time and have given much joy not only to the people of Warrandyte on Anzac Day and Christmas Carols services, but at the countless retirement homes, nursing homes and church services at which they've performed throughout two decades.

A special highlight was the one and only concert given in Warrandyte last October to celebrate 20 years and to showcase its large repertoire to friends and family.

The members themselves have melded into a group of friends enjoying a weekly Monday night rehearsal with plenty of laughs, lots of "gigs", end of year "bashes" and start of year barbeques and picnics.

Best of all has been making much beautiful music together under Lise's untiring and exceptional leadership and always with the very talented and lovely Maureen Johnson by her side as accompanist.

A vote was taken to record the members' everlasting gratitude for their hard work,

unstinting sharing of their musical talents, humorous approach to all aspects of Bellbirds choral life and to making Monday nights something to look forward to.

The Bellbird Singers' final performance will be at the Warrandyte Carols in December.



# Jazz, blues and a little soul

By BRIONY BOTTARELLI

AN EVENING of jazz, blues and a little soul was greatly enjoyed by a good sized audience attending an evening with Yolanda Ingley II & Band in mid-September.

There are so many wonderful events that come out of that mainstay of Warrandyte, the Mechanics Institute.

Supporting artists, Noah Butler and Josh Midro, guitar duo from Melbourne Rudolf Steiner School, making their first public appearance, kicked off the evenings music — and were a hard act to follow.

These boys were a delight to watch and listen to, in complete unison with each other and their instruments.

Young, fresh and technically competent. They took us on a musical journey from Stevie Nicks' *Isn't she Lovely*, *Take Five*, *Red Devils Spanish* through to *Diablo Rojo* by Rodrigo and Gabriela — guitars on speed — alternating rhythm and lead with numerous styles.

Yolanda, along with her guitar and rich,

resonant vocals, was then joined on stage by Monica Weightman on guitar, Steve Dagg on tenor sax, Johnny O'Hagan on bass, Matthew Arnold on violin and Olaf Scott on Keyboard.

Yolanda and the band provided quite a contrast to Noah and Josh.

These musicians are past masters — seasoned, comfortable, relaxed and oh so cool.

All the musicians had their own unique styles and intimate relationships with their instruments.

Gravitation to the violinist was irresistible, as he appeared as serene as his violin, an extension of his very being. Yolanda introduced us to her deep and meaningful songs with here casual repartee.

One in memory of her deceased sister, another with quirky lyrics about television chefs.

Most of the songs are her own compositions, and feature in her new album, *The Dangerous Age*, with a bit of Bob Dylan thrown in.

*The Dangerous Age* was described by Basement Discs, Melbourne, as simply stunning.

The only disappointment as an audience member, is that sometimes the lyrics were difficult to hear.

Not sure if that is age or the sound system!

Keep a look out for these ongoing events.



## Nature on canvas

THERE ARE two exhibitions opening at Manningham Art Gallery on Wednesday, October 17 exploring nature and the physical world from different perspectives.

The two exhibitions, *Nature in Art* and *In Your Own Plot*, each take a unique look at the natural world.

*Nature in Art* is an exhibition of the local illustration group of the same name and based at Park Orchards Community House and Learning Centre.

The exhibition celebrates the inherent beauty of nature and is supported by Manningham

Council's Community Grants Program.

Exhibiting concurrently, *In Your Own Plot* features works by nine emerging printmakers that take a closer look at the flora and fauna within our immediate environment.

*In Your Own Plot* is an exhibition about appreciating patterns and changes that exist within the spaces we spend so much of our lives in.

***Nature in Art and In Your Own Plot will be showing at the Manningham Art Gallery from Wednesday, October 17 to Saturday, November 10 2018.***



Renee Garling *First of the Morning Warblers*

## The Festivillain: a Warrandyte pantomime

MANY LOCALS fondly remember previous WTC pantomimes (*Princess Gorgeous* and *Clutterbuck Farm*), all written by Keryn Wood.

Well - it's that time again!

*The Festivillain* brings together original music from Jack Stringer, lyrics by Alan Cornell, and a host of the usual over-acting fools.

The story goes, a community festival (something like Warrandyte's) is loved by locals but resented by Bronsky Awfley.

Bronsky was beaten by Alpha Sweetling in last year's Up and Coming Performer competition — the concert is the highlight of the festival.

Bronsky is trying to ruin the festival by dastardly means.

He comes from a place a long way away where festivals are held in very large and rich towns and only a select few are able to participate.

He believes that if Warrandyte doesn't recognise his talent then the town doesn't deserve a festival at all. Bronsky is working in the

local coffee shop and has access to and influence over many festival characters.

The only people who are suspicious about the viability of this year's festival are a young cyclist, Carly, and the old dears who run the coffee shop.

They band together to uncover what's behind each festival anomaly and to ensure the success of the event.

Eventually they discover what Bronsky is up to.

Will it all be made right?

Will the locals be able to reassure Bronsky that the town is comprised of many people like him — people who come from a long way away and that difference and diversity is what makes this a special place?

Come along and find out — have your boos, hisses and hurrahs ready!

*So gather your friends together and book a table, bring along some food and drink, and celebrate the start of the silly season (November 16 to December 1)!*

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# A spoonful of sugar



By TRACEY MAILE

BASED ON the stories by P.J. Travers and the original 1964 Walt Disney film, Warrandyte Primary School recently staged a whole school production of *Mary Poppins Jr* at the George Wood Theatre.

Over 200 students participated in the production, from Prep through to Grade 6, including the school's junior and senior choirs, tap ensemble and the Grade 6 "leads".

The school's Performing Arts teacher, Kirsty Wolters explained why *Mary Poppins Jr* was such a great show to put on this year.

"Bringing a complex musical like this to the stage requires everyone in the cast to work as a team, supporting and encouraging others, and continually looking for ways to improve."

"Most importantly, a successful production relies on the special value Mary Poppins herself was determined to teach Jane and Michael Banks — respect."

"Just as Jane and Michael evolve into caring, empathetic individuals by learning to respect people from all walks of life — from the Bird

Woman, servants and chimney sweeps to their own over-worked father, our students consistently showed respect to their cast mates so everyone could take creative risks, respect to the teachers assisting with rehearsals and respect to parent helpers."

"Everyone who worked hard on this performance has grown in the process — not just developing their performance skills, but also uncovering new self-confidence that they can build on in the future."

Warrandyte Primary has staged many excellent school productions over the years, and *Mary Poppins Jr* was no exception.

"What a brilliant show!" one proud parent commented afterwards.

"The confidence the children showed was so beautiful to watch — and a testament to the amazing teachers and community at Warrandyte Primary."

"Kirsty teaches them the joy of theatre, and you can tell that they feel really great on stage."

Another parent commented that the biggest regret after the show was that it was all over.

"The kids really wanted to perform it again and again."

"They were quite emotional afterwards, it was such an incredible experience for them."

The new *Mary Poppins Jr* version of the story was created by Cameron Mackintosh and Julian Fellowes to tie in to the release of the new Disney movie, *Mary Poppins Returns*, which is due to hit the big screen around Christmas this year.

## Mary Poppins Jr goes on the road

Following the George Wood Theatre performance of *Mary Poppins Jr*, a group of students then took the show "on the road", performing part of the show at local kindergartens, including Warrandyte Kindergarten, Yarra Warra Kindergarten and then the Warrandyte Road Early Learning Centre.

While the kinder audience were delighted to be treated to the mini show, we suspect that the performers were just as thrilled to have the opportunity to perform these now much-loved numbers a couple more times.

Photos courtesy of Warrandyte Primary School







## Warrandyte's fastest champion

By TRACEY MAILE

LOCAL PRIMARY schools sent their best athletics competitors to compete against other schools in the Templestowe District Athletics Sports carnival late last term, with the best students qualifying through to Divisional Athletics which will be held this month.

The final highlights of the District Athletics day are the two Championship races, where each school puts forward their fastest boy and fastest girl to compete in Championship 100m sprint races.

This year, Jacob Close from Warrandyte Primary School won the boy's Championship Medal, beating the fastest boys from the other six competing schools in a convincing win.

The *Diary* caught up with Jacob after the race.

**Jacob, congratulations on your win. You made it look easy. Have you always had a talent for running?**

Jacob: When I was in Grade 3 I won my first race at our school's House Athletic Sports. I was pretty slow before that and hadn't won anything, but after I won a race I started to think that maybe this might be something I could be good at.

**Apparently last year when you were in Grade 5, you were the fastest student from Warrandyte Primary School and got to compete for your school in the Championship event too. How did it go?**

Jacob: I was racing against Grade 6 students from other schools and I didn't think I would have much of a chance. But I came second. I was pretty pleased with that.

**You're going through to the Divisional finals for both the 100m and 200m races this year. How do you rate your chances?**

Jacob: I actually prefer the 100m sprint, but I think I could be stronger in the Divisional 200m.

**How did you go last year?**

Jacob: I did Long Jump instead of the 200m in our House sports last year, as well as the 100m. I made it through to District with the 100m and then to Divisional where I came third.

**Do you train outside of school at all?**

Jacob: I don't do any actual running training. So far all my training has been part of PE at school. But I'm starting to think that joining Little Athletics might be a good idea.

Well that sounds like an excellent plan for Warrandyte's fastest champion. Congratulations again, Jacob and good luck in the Divisional finals.



## Growth mindset: teaching persistence and resilience

"GROWTH MINDSET" is one of the latest buzz phrases in education; it means teaching kids to be persistent when they're learning something new, and to be resilient when they don't succeed the first time.

It's ok to fail.

It's what you do next that really matters.

At Warrandyte Primary School, there is an outbreak of growth mindset going on and one area where this has been happening is in the Japanese classroom.

Conquering an entirely different writing system in a second language is something that even adults find genuinely difficult.

Students at the school recently undertook a four week Japanese Hiragana challenge to build their Japanese language skills, and this year record numbers achieved their Hiragana 46 syllable "Blackbelts" and 107 syllable "Masters".

"Being able to conquer another language writing script (like Japanese or Chinese) will stand students in good stead in the future, in all sorts of other subjects as well as languages," explains Meiru Sensei (the Japanese teacher at Warrandyte Primary).

"It helps 'unlock' or train an area of the brain that is used for recognising and decoding symbols.

"So whether it's learning maths symbols and

formulae in high school or trying to decode the Cyrillic writing system to make sense of the Moscow subway stations in future travels, students will discover that being able to distinguish between different symbols isn't particularly difficult.

"Symbols are not just a mass of squiggles after all."

The other big benefit to students in the Hiragana challenge each year is to give them a truly difficult task and ask them to have a go at improving their previous week's score, mastering a column of five Hiragana to attain the next colour belt on their Japanese workbook, or to actually achieve Orange Belt (for the Preps), Blackbelt or Masters status.

It required resilience in the face of failure and the realisation that nothing truly difficult ever comes easily.

These are valuable lessons which will carry them through high school and beyond.

Just a few years ago, maybe one or two students would attain the Hiragana Master certificate each year.

Fewer than a dozen would achieve an Orange (Prep) belt or a Blackbelt.

This year, a record number of 30 per cent of WPS students managed it.

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# Keeping the arts alive at ACPS

By NIETA MANSER

EVERY YEAR, Anderson's Creek Primary School prides itself on delivering a fantastic display of artistic talents during their Term 3 focus on the arts.

This year, the students worked throughout the term to create a fantastic array of paintings, photographs, dances and crafts to showcase at the Arts Festival evening that took place at the end of Term 3.

From soft toys to puppet shows, the students and parents at ACPS enjoyed a great night of entertainment as they toured the school to view the displays the students had created throughout the term.

Then families made their way to the Art Centre to watch a fun filled evening of singing and dancing, showcasing the huge array of talents ACPS students have.

Assistant Principal, Amanda Muller says the atmosphere during the festival is a great experience for the students.

"The Arts Festival is one of our favourite nights

at ACPS," she says.

"The students work enthusiastically throughout the term to create amazing pieces and acts, and when it all comes together on the night they feel a great sense of achievement."

Exploring and learning the arts is an important part of a student's learning journey.

ACPS's belief that students should be able to have a say in how they shine is practiced through letting the student choose what they want to create for the festival.

Students are given a wide range of activities to choose from at the start of Term 3 and then work with a teacher once a week for the entire term on their project or performance.

"It's a great way to make new friends and explore new artistic skills," says Ms Muller.

As a learning community the Arts Festival is a growing tradition at ACPS, with this being the fourth Festival in eight years.

At ACPS, the arts truly are engrained in the school's culture and community.



## A SMART way to set goals

By NIETA MANSER

SINCE 2016, schools across Victoria have been working with a model known as FISO (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes) to effectively plan as a whole school.

This model has now had another element added by the Victorian Department of Education, known as HITS (High Impact Teaching Strategies).

HITS is used at the classroom level to enhance teaching practices and improve student engagement and outcomes.

In response to the HITS, teachers at Anderson's Creek Primary School developed a workshop to equip students with one of the most important skills in this model, setting goals.

HITS embeds instructional practices into everyday teaching and incorporate 10 effective strategies that teachers can apply to the wide variety of learning needs that students have in every classroom across the state.

The first of these strategies is around goal setting and ensuring students have a clear understanding of what it is they personally need to achieve or master in their individual learning journey.

In order to embed goal setting as a whole school, Anderson's Creek Primary School decided that students needed to participate in a workshop so that they could have a clear understanding of how to set goals.

Every student across the school attended a SMART Goals workshop that was specifically developed to give them the skills needed to set their learning goals.

SMART goals are goals that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic and Timely and are widely used in the workplace.

During the workshop students are taught how to develop goals around their reading and writing that are not only specific to their personal learning needs, but also to ensure that they are going to be able to achieve and measure the goal.

ACPS Principal, Sue Dyos, believes that the workshop will help students to develop skills that will equip them for life.

"Often when we set goals they are so big that we become overwhelmed.

"But if we really narrow down our

intentions and set a timeline and targets to measure them by, we achieve much more," she says.

Each class participated in an hour long workshop at the beginning of Term 3 that was run by the Literacy Leaders, Linda Zanatta and Nieta Manser.

From Foundation to Grade 6, every student in the school was shown how to apply the five elements of a SMART goal to their learning.

These were then displayed in the classrooms and students worked towards achieving them during the daily Reader's and Writer's Workshop lessons.

At the end of the term every student was asked to reflect on their goals and present evidence of the steps they took to achieve them.

Once they achieve their goal they work with their teacher to create new ones so that they are continually moving forward in the curriculum.

"It is a work in progress and the more we use the language in the classroom and apply HITS, the better we get as a learning community," says Ms Dyos.

In 2019 the students will create SMART goals for all areas of their learning.



## Warrandyte High School's tour of China



By CLAIRE BLOOM

LATE LAST term, eight very excited students and two slightly anxious teachers set off for an amazing Chinese adventure.

Yes, it was the continuation of the Warrandyte High School sister school relationship with XingHai Experimental High School in Suzhou.

Supported by Victoria's sister province of Jiangsu, over 300 Victorian students representing 14 primary and high schools set out to explore China around this time.

Warrandyte High School students: Molly (Year 8), Fletcher, Keeley, Katie, Kate, Sienna (Year 9) and Year 10s Ethan and Josh, enjoyed 16 days of travel that included Beijing, Nanjing, Suzhou and Shanghai.

They explored cultural and historic wonders such as Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Temple of Heaven, Dr Sun Yat Sen's Mausoleum, the Yuyuan Gardens and the world famous Shanghai acrobat show.

A site seeing highlight was a beautiful night cruise along the river in Shanghai.

However, the highlight of the tour was an opportunity to do a five-day home stay with students of our sister school.

We were welcomed with kind words and generosity, and even though it was difficult to get used

to the hard beds that our hosts enjoyed, students relished the opportunity to live locally and attend school in Suzhou.

Suzhou is known as the "Venice of the East", and is rated China's most liveable city.

With a population of 4.5 million in this city, we got to know the special area around our school, namely the Suzhou Industrial Park, a unique joint development between China and Singapore.

We enjoyed the modern shopping centre and beautiful lakeside parks of this fast growing area.

We learnt that the area was a centre for education, creativity and learning.

Many students had developed inventions that the school helped them to patent and explore means of developing their prototypes.

School started at 7:30am each morning, with 40 minute lessons and an hour for a hot lunch in the school canteen.

Lessons finished at 5:30pm, with most students heading home for three or more hours of homework each night.

The pressure to perform well academically was intense.

Each morning the 3,000 students headed out to the sports ground for a special exercise routine.

We were told that university entrance exams included a fitness

test that involved running, jumping and throwing, so morning exercise was an important affair.

One of the highlights of our time at our sister school was the opening ceremony of their school athletics carnival; think a parade of 3,000 students, think mini Olympics.

The first "event" in the sports carnival was a singing, dancing, costumed performance by each class.

We were attached to the Year 8 classes — 16 in total and 45 students per class.

Other interesting experiences included observing classes, learning traditional Chinese arts such as ink painting, paper cutting, tai chi and folk singing.

We learnt something of the 2,500-year-old Suzhou history, cooking style (Jiangsu food tends to be slightly sweet, rather than hot and spicy) and other cultural aspects.

New friendships were forged and we look forward to a visit from XingHai School in the future.

Much to the relief of myself and my fellow teacher Tim Jones, we all arrived home safely, with no excess baggage charges.

Our overstuffed suitcases testament to a souvenir shopping frenzy and newly developed bargaining skills.



High route, Larapinta Trail

# Journey to the centre of Australia



Flynn's grave



Larapinta Trail near Standley Chasm



Stuart River

## travel

By JAMES POYNER

ONE OF THE joys of now living in a country as large as Australia is that the domestic holidays are so much more exotic than their domestic equivalents in the United Kingdom.

For example, I recently went on a trip to the Northern Territory, spending some time exploring the landscapes around Alice Springs and Uluru.

In the past few years, through work or visa requirements, I have flown over Australia more times than I would like to admit and, for once, it was nice to be on a flight destined to the big red bit I had spied from above so many times before.

For those who know me, I am a runner — I like to run, and if you don't know me, you've probably seen me running along the river or over Fourth Hill — I am out there a lot.

My reason for this trip to Alice Springs was to take part in a running event which would see me tackle sections of the Larapinta Trail in a footrace covering 84 kilometres over four consecutive days.

I was also out here with my partner Sandi for a bit of a holiday and we had a few days in Alice Springs prior to the event for some acclimatisation and sightseeing.

### John Flynn

The Royal Flying Doctors Service is integral to the history of Alice Springs.

In town, on the site of the first radio communication base the service used, is an extensive museum which tells the story of the how the service began and the role it plays in helping people across Australia today.

About 30 kilometres out of town is the grave of John Flynn, the founder of the Royal Flying Doctors Service and this site is worth a visit.

It is one of a few sites on the edge of Alice Springs which give you a sense of Alice Springs' cultural past and a taste of the MacDonnell Ranges, where I would be spending the bulk of the next few days.

There is also a strong Aboriginal presence in the area and sites of important Indigenous history are overlapped with sites in the colonisation of the area by white Australians.

Two prime examples of this are John Flynn's grave and the "Dog Rock" which can be found near the McDonald's restaurant in Alice Springs.

When John Flynn's ashes were buried, a special rock was sought to mark his grave, eventually a rock was found and deemed appropriate, unfortunately this rock was from the Devils Marbles (Karlukarluk), a sacred Aboriginal site about 400 kilometres

from Alice Springs.

In 1953, two years after Flynn's death, this rock was taken without consultation with the traditional owners of the land.

In 1998, the Arrernte, traditional owners of the land in the region, found an alternative rock for Flynn's grave, from a sacred site connected to Yeperenye ancestral being and the rocks were exchanged.

Taking a walk along the Stuart Highway between Alice Springs Railway Station and the commercial shopping centre of the town, you may see a small rock with a discrete fence around it.

This is Dog Rock.

Dog Rock is part of the creation story of the MacDonnell Ranges and the great white Dog Man who arrived from the west, wanting to kill the Dog Men at Stuart River.

When the local Gnoilya men saw him they said "see this is your camp, sit down".

He sat there, and stayed, the rock growing around him, marking the spot.

The story says that if the stone is rubbed by a tribal elder, the dogs in the camp grow fierce and begin to growl.

The last elder to rub the stone did so when the white men arrived, to try and make the dogs bite them.

### Running Larapinta

The Larapinta Trail is 224 kilometres long and runs between the Telegraph Station on the edge of Alice Springs and Mount Sonder to the west.

Over the next four days, I would be covering 84 kilometres of this trail, only a small part of it, but enough to get a flavour of what the MacDonnell Ranges have to offer.

The first day had us running into the evening, around Alice Springs.

Running over small hills on desert tracks, it was magical watching the landscape of red rock and green/grey trees and shrubs change colour as the sun sank below the horizon, turning the world deep red, dark blue, purple and eventually black as night set in.

The next day was very different, running in the morning instead of the evening, the bulk of the day was spent traversing the "high route" between Jay Creek and Standley Chasm.

It was what I can only describe as one of the most testing run/hike/climbs of my life.

Following a path, which switch-backed its way up 500-600 metres of vertical ascent over three kilometres, runners had to then pick their way across the very top of a rocky ridge, the ground falling away to the flat plains below on either side.

The terrain was challenging, the scenery beautiful, breathtaking, but any fall would be seriously painful, maybe deadly.

The desire to keep pressing forward and the concentration needed to not trip was in constant battle with the distracting beauty of the Northern Territory.

The running for the next two days was, not surprisingly, easier.

Yes, the trail was hard and required 150 per cent concentration, but my fellow runners and I had found our groove.

The crowd, largely from Victoria, had managed to shrug off the horror that the many, many, many hours, kilometres and hills we had put in through the Victorian winter had probably only prepared us physically for this challenge.

The mental game the landscape plays can only be practiced in the landscape itself, making my first experience of the Australian desert a humbling one.

Hiking is a popular pastime, globally, and a lot of people may prefer to hike these trails — for six hours with heavy backpacks full of supplies — but there is a real beauty to running these trails, light, with minimal supplies.

Running in a landscape like this really connects you to it, in the macro, you not only see the breathtaking views along the trail, but in the micro you become one with the shrubs, the grass, the rocks — immersed in the creation stories in a very personal way.

### Uluru and Kata Tjuta

Since we were here, we decided to take a few days, post my big Outback running adventure for some R&R and a cultural expedition to Uluru.

There are buses and tours running from Yulara — which is essentially half a dozen hotels built next to each other — to Uluru and probably to nearby Kata Tjuta, but I would highly recommend you hire a car instead, there is much more freedom to explore on your own terms.

There is a 10-kilometre track which runs around the base of Uluru and you can hire bicycles to cycle around it.

At various points around the rock, there are information boards explaining the cave paintings or the Dreamtime story about how various sections of the rock were formed.

With the bike, you can do a complete lap of the rock, and learn about its Aboriginal importance in about three hours.

Despite my previous week's activity, the chance to run a lap of the rock was hard to resist and I took off, after lunch, for my own personal running tour of Uluru.

With the knowledge of how people lived at the rock and how the Indigenous population explain the formation of the rock in story, it felt like I was running around a sleeping giant.

If you are planning your holidays next year and you have never been to Alice Springs, Uluru or anywhere in the Northern Territory, then stick it at the top of your list.

I only scratched the surface of what the landscape and culture of this region has to offer and I am looking forward to returning in the years to come.





Kata Tjuta



Uluru



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## Carolyn's travel tips

### Magical Machu Picchu

THIS MONTH I am coming to you from Peru, South America.

Having travelled for a month through Chile, Argentina, Peru and Bolivia I am at a loss to choose a highlight.

We are introduced to the history of Inca civilisation during our stay in the Sacred Valley, Peru.

The anticipation and expectation prior to our visit to Machu Picchu determines that this is going to be right up there.

Early morning, we board the vista dome train for the two hour journey through the Peruvian Andes to Aguas Calientes, the town cradled by these magnificent yet somehow friendly mountains.

It is also the starting point for our Machu Picchu experience.

A well organised series of shuttle buses ferry an army of human ants to the top with ease and efficiency.

A steep climb to our vantage point does not leave us disappointed.

Perched precariously on a ridge between imposing peaks is what was once a civilisation formed with ingenuity, forethought and vision way beyond its time.

We take the obligatory "we made it" shots and marvel at both the archaeological site and its majestic location.

We wander through the city gates and welcome hikers who have trekked for four days to be here — no mean feat!

The village is constructed of massive stones and was built using just human hands and ropes.

Sloping walls and interlocking pieces have stood the test of time.

Totally captivated by this very special place we venture back in the early morning hours to watch the sunrise, to reflect on all that has gone before us and to simply be.

#### Some tips for travelling to South America

- Get fit — you will enjoy it so much more if you do! There are many steps to climb and altitude can be a factor.
- Learn some basic Spanish — it will really help as English is not widely spoken
- Some useful apps — maps.me and ITranslate. Both work without internet and are invaluable in finding your way around.
- Most importantly learn to go with the flow — you are in South America!

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# Malcolm Needham

August 12 1941 – September 10 2018



## obituary

Formerly of Warrandyte, lately of Port Fairy, Malcolm Needham had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2008 and passed away peacefully at Moyneyana House, where he had been in care for four years.

Malcolm enjoyed his life and always had a ready smile and a cheerful kindly disposition. He was part of the Warrandyte community where he acted and sang with the theatre group and the Bellbird Singers.

He was blessed with a very fine singing voice and brought a lot of pleasure to those who heard him sing.

His performance at the Spiegeltent, after winning ABC Idol radio competition, was a particular highlight for him.

He had entered and won many talent quests over the years and appeared on *Showcase* with his brother Graham in 1968.

The compere was a man named Gordon Boyd who told the boys his name was actually Needham, which impressed them no end!

In fact Malcolm never forgot this and repeated "Gordon Boyd" for many months while in care, until he no longer spoke.

The staff were quite mystified as to the meaning of this.

Born in Staffordshire, UK, he excelled at school and migrated to Australia in 1962 where he studied Accountancy while working for an airline.

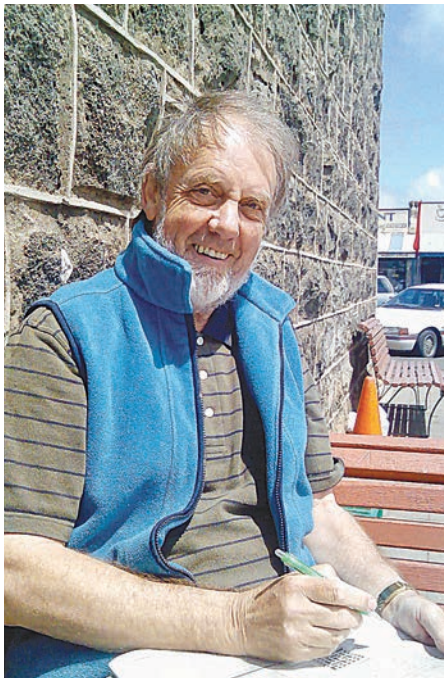
Here he met his wife, Leonie, who survives him along with their two children, Damien and Belinda, and grandsons Geordie and Julian.

Malcolm led a full and active life, playing

hockey, tennis and golf together with his artistic and musical activities which continued in Port Fairy even after Alzheimer's severely affected his memory.

His two golfing mates from Rotary were always astonished at his golfing prowess, although they often had to tell him that he had hit the wrong ball!

He was a man of many talents, who endeared himself to all who knew him, he will be greatly missed.



# Bonnie Isobel Harris

[nee Sinclair]

November 7 1926 – September 7 2018

## obituary

Born just prior to the Great Depression with twin sister Brownie, Bonnie's mother Mary died of septicaemia only a week after the twin's birth.

Her father Stewart disappeared, so both Bonnie and her twin sister were brought up by grand aunts in Essendon.

Bonnie attended Penleigh Girls Grammar and was an active member of both the Church of England choir and its tennis club.

The Church played a pivotal role throughout Bonnie's life for social occasions, meeting people and establishing life-long friends.

In 1950, she met Ron Harris at the Church of England Tennis Club in Essendon.

In November 1951, they were married.

After an Adelaide honeymoon they went to live in a house Ron was building in Warrandyte.

They lived there happily for 55 years, raising a family of four sons.

Early years in Warrandyte were very tough for Bonnie.

Building the house was an ongoing project until 1965.

Ron worked long hours in his day job and then in the evenings, lectured as a second job at RMIT to afford carpet for the next room or to buy more screenings for the muddy driveway.

Late nights alone with four young children without mains water, a phone, car or even a TV made daily routine a lonely challenge for Bonnie.

Bonnie was a caring dedicated mother who

often sacrificed her own needs for the children and was keen to see them all do well.

She was diligent in her daily routine of lighting the stove to heat the hot water service and the kettle, going through a loaf of bread daily to make every one's lunch and cleaning five pairs of shoes before sitting down to have her own breakfast.

Washing clothes in a heated copper and hand operated wringer was laborious work and Ron brought home ice from Ringwood to replenish the ice chest on Thursdays.

They were different times.

As times improved Bonnie came to love the Warrandyte community, environment and spirit. She enjoyed tennis, the school canteen and the Women's Guild.

She worked as a doctor's receptionist for 10 years.

Initially Ron objected to her finding work but soon changed his mind when he saw new curtains in the lounge and a two door coupe in the garage he hadn't paid for.

Bonnie never held grudges against others, but hated spiders and the Carlton Football Club.

In June 2006 Bonnie and Ron downsized to a courtyard home in Balwyn where they lived independently for nine years.

When independence became difficult Bonnie and Ron moved to a nursing home in Canterbury in 2015.

In late August Bonnie suffered a fall which sadly ended their final years together.

She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Bonnie is survived by her husband Ron and four sons — Ian, David, Malcolm and Graeme.

# Memories of the old scoreboard

By PETER CURRY

THE OLD SCOREBOARD at the Warrandyte Recreation Reserve was built by the Stringer brothers in the 1960s.

Bruce Day drew up the plans.

Don Mayes from Dunlop Tyres donated the funds.

Kevin Jones served as the scorer for 20 years between 1992 and 2012.

He enjoyed his time in the box, though he says it had its moments.

It had props supporting it at one stage as it would sway in high winds, which could be rather daunting at times.

Miraculously, it escaped being damaged by falling branches.

Kevin heard one crack during a match on a windy day but fortunately, it fell the other way across the creek.

Another time a branch fell damaging the steps.

Kevin often had to mend damage or carry out repairs or reinforcements to foil intruders.

The box has an interesting history, it seems.

It was broken into on many occasions, despite a padlocked door.

Once a fire had been lit inside burning the floorboards.

At times, sleeping items, food wrappers and drink cans would appear as evidence of people having a good time in it.

For a period it was occupied by Harry — a homeless man who camped where he could around the township.

Kevin recalled that the number plates were once stored in the box.

"However, one time intruders got hold of the metal plates and used them as frisbees across the creek, lodging them in trees and on the opposite bank.

"After that, the number plates were stored back

in the clubrooms."

Kevin's time as scorekeeper followed on from legendary scorekeeper "Cold Power".

Kevin explained how he got his name by always wearing immaculate white shirts.

"This story always raises a laugh when told to an older audience as they know there was a well-known brand of washing powder called Cold Power — self-explanatory!"

For younger people, some further explanation is always required.

Manning the box was the highlight of Cold Power's week — especially the payment of a meat pie and a can of coke!

The new electronic board is now up and in action at the Recreation Reserve.

However, part of the front of the old board has been salvaged and is on permanent display at the Warrandyte Historical Society museum grounds.





# Warrandyte Venom stars honoured at Big V awards

By JOSH HUNTLY

IT'S BEEN A bumper awards season for Warrandyte Venom as players and coaches attended the Big V awards night at the Melbourne Pavilion.

The venue was full of some of the states brightest talents, including Youth League stars Jarrod Molnar and Cody Perry-Allamby who both capped off fine seasons to land spots in the Youth League 1st Division All-Star 5 side.

Point Guard Molnar averaged 21 points for the season, including 35 and 36-point games to land himself a spot in the All-Star backcourt.

Perry-Allamby secured the Youth Leagues highest honour, tying for the prestigious MVP award.

Averaging 19 points and 11 rebounds a game, he was no stranger to the Big V competition's Blue Carpet, which highlights outstanding performances around the league.

At his dangerous best, Perry-Allamby's form in consecutive matches saw him record stats of 27 points, 10 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 blocks along with 23 points, 17 rebounds, 2 steals and 2 blocks in a two-day period.

Ross Charles was also nominated for coach of the year honours after guiding his Division One Men's Venom side to finals.

Despite an Elimination Final defeat to a strong Shepparton side, a solid season saw Charles resign as coach for the 2019 season, flagging the organisations intention to firm itself as a long-term finals team.

On top of his Seniors responsibilities, Charles also guided the Under 18.1 Venom boys to a rousing Grand Final victory.

One of the key performers in that Elimination Final with 13 points and 9 rebounds was import Ayinde Sprewell, who capped his debut season with the Venom with a place in the Division One Men's All-Star backcourt.

Sprewell averaged 21 points and 11 rebounds for the year, including three games where he scored more than 30 points, high-scoring with 33 twice against the Chelsea Gulls and Geelong Supercats.

It was a big season for Venom stalwart Rachel Wansborough who notched up 250 Big V games.

A star of the competition, Wansborough has been described around the WBA (Warrandyte Basketball Association) as a dedicated athlete and a determined individual who is rarely fazed on court, qualities which held her in good stead during the 2018 season as she was also nominated for a spot in the Division One Women's All-Star 5 frontcourt.

Michaela Kuen rounded out a successful night with an All-Star nomination of her own after an impressive showing throughout the season.

TOP RIGHT: Cody Perry-Allamby  
BOTTOM RIGHT: Jarrod Molnar



## The benefits of martial arts training for children

By MIKE QUIN

Firestorm Martial Arts

MARTIAL ARTS training offers children the social and physical benefits to promote solid development and progress in their future lifestyles.

When we look beyond the self defence applications of martial arts, most people only see the external physical changes in the student such as posture, athletic achievement, and sporting prowess.

These are important facets of the training because of the influence these achievements will have on the student's self-confidence, self-esteem and wellbeing.

These physical benefits include:

- Improvement in fitness levels (both aerobic and anaerobic systems) due to activities such as warm ups, drills and sparring.
- Improvement of balance and posture due to the stances and footwork employed in the training. The repetition of floor patterns exercises the core muscles and promotes improved proprioception in the student.
- Improvement in focus and concentration. This is accomplished by the student practicing required drills and having to remember patterns and forms. This repetitive structure reinforces the focusing pathways of the student. This improved concentration carries over into schoolwork and future employment skills.
- Physical confidence and creativity which are important by-products of martial arts training. The training allows the student to become physically creative with their bodies and learn that they are far more capable than they first thought. They soon master movements that would have been thought of as "too difficult for me".

Some of the other benefits of martial arts training are not that obvious but are as important, if not more important.

These include:

- Promoting respect and dignity to others.

These qualities allow the student to view others in a favourable light and treat them accordingly.

- Internal characteristics, such as determination, discipline, and balance are also covered in many martial arts programs. These qualities forge strong values that will stand the student in good stead in their future lives and lifestyles.
- Social issues, such as friendship, teamwork, family interaction and community inclusion are reinforced by the values, teachings and interaction activities that take place during a standard martial arts class. No student sits on the bench, all join in.
- Overcoming adversity is, in my opinion, probably the most important benefit that martial arts training promotes. From the controllable adversity i.e. setting of goals and challenges to be accomplished, to the uncontrollable adversity of bullying and confrontation, martial arts training teaches the student to recognise and evaluate the situation, find a successful outcome and execute the action to reach that outcome. This does not always include physical actions. And the training also teaches that if the positive outcome is not reached, then the student regroups his efforts and tries again. They are taught that nothing happens without real effort and hard work.

With the added benefit that martial arts is an activity that can be shared with parents when the family trains together, I think that martial arts training is the ideal activity for children to participate in and they profit from all the benefits mentioned above.

**Firestorm run a kids' karate at Park Orchards Primary School every Tuesday 4-5pm, as well as Little Dragons classes for 2-5 year-olds on a Tuesday afternoon at the Park Orchards Community House.**

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# Why your diet shouldn't be destined to fail

fitness

By CHRIS SHARP



ONE OF the reasons that so many diets tend to have such a high failure rate is that the vast majority are still stuck with the notion that diets are supposed to be hard.

They think that feeling tired,

miserable, lethargic and irritable are all things you should be feeling when dieting.

Apparently, it's all about you mustering up as much willpower as possible and forcing your body into submission.

Nobody wants to "diet" because that's not fun.

This is why you'll see people drastically cut calories, stick to a 10-food list and slave away performing countless hours of cardio, often wearing their misery like a badge of honour.

Some are even proud because they think they're more hardcore than the rest of us.

Doesn't sound much fun to me!

Here's the reality though!

Fat loss isn't at all about willpower or suffering — or at least not in the way that most believe.

The trick is to figure out how to make your so called "diet" more sustainable.

Anybody can lose weight by starving themselves but that isn't going to help you in the long term.

But suffering isn't going to help you lose fat any faster, more effectively or for a longer period of time, outside of its impact on your overall calorie deficit.

So let's not make things more difficult than they need to be.

Dietary success is ultimately going to be experienced by those who figure out that the key to long-term fat loss and sustainable results is not depleting willpower, but rather preserving as much of it as possible.

Ironically, vowing not to restrict chocolate and your favourite foods from your diet tends to be the harder decision.

That might seem slightly backwards, but it's amazing how you can remove the chronic cravings when you remove the restriction on your diet.

Having the ability to eat what you like, when you like, more often than not means you won't even feel the need to take advantage of that very fact.

You need to make a decision at some point — is this whole "lifting/health & fitness thing" going to become a cyclical fad you experience from time to time throughout your life, or is it going to become part of your lifestyle?

If it's the former, understand the fact that you're always going to be chasing your tail and likely never going to look or feel the way you want to consistently.

If it's the latter, then you need to think about how you can fit your diet into your lifestyle.

Eat some chocolate daily if that's your thing, stay off the treadmill if you

despise running and keep up your non-fitness hobbies.

Again — this is a lifestyle, you don't want your diet to dictate your life.

When I first started dieting, I remember feeling frustrated.

I was eating "clean", training so much and with so much intensity.

I wanted to be lean so desperately, so whenever I stepped onto the scales and found I'd gained weight instead of losing it, I wanted to "throw the toy's out of the cot".

But back then, I wasn't tracking my macro intake (carbs, proteins and fat's).

I had no way of quantifying what I was eating — no way of knowing how many calories I was consuming.

I had no right to be frustrated, all I was doing was guessing.

I had no idea how much I was eating, I had no way to control how much I ate from day to day, and no real way of manipulating things.

I was stabbing in the dark, hoping for the best.

Fat loss doesn't happen by chance.

It isn't one of those things that "might" happen if you're lucky.

It doesn't require good genetics.

Fat loss is an equation.

To lose fat, you must be burning more calories than you're consuming.

Essentially, you need to under-eat in

a controlled fashion, so that your body looks elsewhere — to body fat, for the energy you aren't feeding it.

That's how you get leaner.

Your body eats through your body fat because you aren't feeding it enough calories to fuel your activity (the calories you burn through the process of living, day to day life, training, working, etc).

If you aren't losing body fat, you are NOT burning more calories than you're consuming...you aren't satisfying the equation.

But if you aren't sure of how many calories you're consuming, or are simply guessing as to how much you should be or are eating — how can you truly know?

Your body processes what comes in and what goes out, free from emotion.

It deals with facts, not feelings, calories in versus calories out.

So next time you feed yourself an excuse as to why you haven't lost weight, or why the scales aren't moving in the direction you desire, think about the fact that the decisions you're making are the ones that are leading you to your very reality.

You have the power to change that reality!

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## Building a stronger you

active

By EMMA EDMONDS



WE ALL KNOW exercise can make us feel great, but for women with a weak pelvic floor some exercises can hinder not help.

There are however, safe techniques that can help protect the area and teach you to engage your transverse abdominis to prevent weakening now and in the future.

The Rebuild class with Karen at Warrandyte Neighbourhood House does just this.

The class includes a combination of mat, weight and breathing exercises that will strengthen your pelvic floor whilst providing all over fitness benefits.

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# Which sport adds the most years to your life?

By ARIEL PATERSON

ACCORDING to new research, the answer could be tennis.

A study of 8,577 Danish men and women found that adults who reported frequently participating in tennis lived longer than people who took part in badminton, soccer, cycling, swimming, running or who were sedentary.

This new evidence follows a study published last year of 80,306 British adults, which found that people who played racquet sports tended to live longer than people who jogged or played soccer.

Peter Schnohr and his colleagues showed that, compared to sedentary Danes, playing tennis added an average of 9.7 years to their lives.

Likewise, badminton, soccer, cycling, swimming and running lengthened their lives by an average of 6.2 years, 4.7 years, 3.7 years, 3.4 years and 3.2 years respectively.

These results held true even when the researchers controlled for age, socioeconomic status and education.

While it remains uncertain that playing tennis actually causes people to live longer, the associations might be explained by the amount of social interaction that happens in each activity.

The researchers explain, "Belonging to a group that meets regularly promotes a sense of

support, trust, and commonality, which has been shown to contribute to a sense of well-being and improved long-term health."

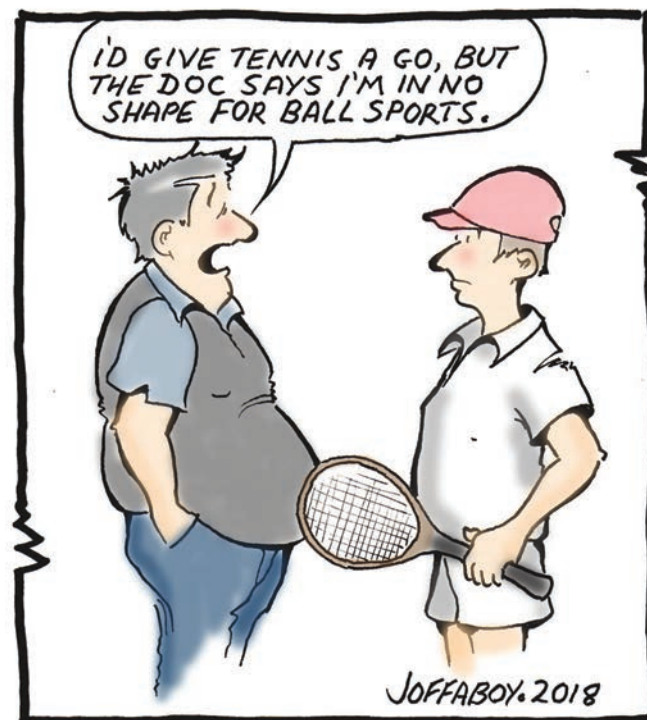
If all this is making you feel like you want to give tennis a try, then there is some good news for you.

The Tennis Guru will be holding free coaching sessions at

the South Warrandyte tennis courts, including Cardio Tennis sessions.

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# Hawks 18/19 season preview

## New clubrooms bring a new source of optimism

By **TROY DONIS**

IT'S NOT EVERYDAY your local cricket club has \$1.7million invested in it, but that is exactly what has happened at South Warrandyte this year, and we couldn't be more excited.

Our clubrooms have been expanded thanks to Manningham City Council and their outstanding \$1.5million contribution.

The room itself has been enlarged and a new, large deck has been built.

Most importantly, new change rooms have been installed below, complete with showers, toilets and new storage.

Previously the club had been using portables as change rooms and prior to that there simply were none.

The club would also like to thank Cricket Victoria, AFL Victoria, the Park Orchards Sharks and the Warrandyte Community Bank, who themselves put in an amazing \$75,000, for their contributions to the project.

Without these organisations none of this would have been possible.

### On the field, new coach brings new energy

Our 1st XI once again takes to the field in the Newey Shield after finishing runner up last season.

The club is committed to going one better this year and we have started with the hiring of new head coach and former SWCC player, Damien Vozzo.

Damien has extensive cricket experience, playing and captaining sides throughout Melbourne's sub-district and synthetic leagues, as well as having a successful stint in England in his younger days.

Having since retired from playing, Damien has had coaching roles at Bayswater Park and St Andrews Cricket Clubs.

We're extremely excited to have Damien on board, his technical knowledge will be invaluable but it's clear after just a few training sessions that

it is his management skills that will be of most value to the club.

The environment is fantastic, training is buzzing and everyone in the club is benefitting from this.

Former captain and coach Darcy Price will continue playing for us, though he is taking a well-earned break and will be holidaying at stages this summer.

We thank Darcy for his great efforts the past couple of seasons and we are sure he will be back in a leadership role at the club in the future.

There has also been some change in the playing stocks of the 1st XI.

Nathan Willoughby is not returning this season to focus on a promising acting career, whilst Amahl Weeramantry's work commitments have him not playing for the moment.

We have added all-rounder Saif Musavi and for the first time we have brought over an English player, with spin bowling all-rounder Kieran Webber coming all the way from Cornwall.

On top of this, the club has a number of exciting and dynamic young players coming through the ranks, with Nick Walker, Jack Livingston, Darcy Church, James Fasan and Jackson Braunthal all playing Round 1.

Our 2nd XI is captained for the first time by Sean McMahon.

Sean is a great club servant with outstanding leadership attributes.

Sean has been treasurer for the last couple of seasons and has extensive 1st XI experience whilst still only being 24 years old.

He brings a fresh outlook to the side that has narrowly missed finals for the past two years.

The 2nd XI has on average been much younger than many of the sides it has opposed the past few seasons and this will continue to be the case with 14-year-old Lucas Bridger opening the bowling in Round 1.

We also believe the former South Warrandyte player might be turning a few door knobs for us.

Returning to the club to captain the 3rds is

former 1st XI player Tom Hall.

Living closer to the city he has been unable to train as often as in his 1st XI days and has taken on the task of helping develop some of the club's younger players in the 3rds.

With a few friends, some club stalwarts and some young talent, the 3rd XI has the ingredients for a good season.

Our 4th XI is currently short a couple of players but will likely be filled with some younger players and some much older ones.

If you, or anyone you know, would like to play cricket, get in contact with us via our Facebook page.

### South Warrandyte Juniors

Our Junior club has some exciting talent coming through and we look forward to another successful and most importantly, fun year for our kids.

Our league leading junior development program is still going strong and will continue out of Saxon Sports in Croydon this season.

We have teams in the U12s, U14s and U16s on

Saturday mornings as well as the U14s on Friday nights in the Box Hill Reporter League.

Our Junior Coordinator, Todd Lewis is doing a fantastic job giving the kids a positive environment to play in.

We have a new program starting up for 5-8-year-old's as well, it will be running on Monday nights from 5pm.

Our English player, Kieran Webber is helping to coach all of our junior teams.

He is a Level 2 Junior Coach in England with extensive experience doing clinics in Primary Schools.

Kieran is fantastic with kids and has a real passion for helping them become the best they can be, not just at cricket but as people too.

We are delighted to have him on board this season.

### Come join us!

We are looking for players at all levels.

If you are thinking about playing cricket, please get in contact with us!

**Photo: Courtesy Manningham City Council**



# WCC launches into new season

By **JOSH HUNTLY**

AFTER A PRODUCTIVE pre-season at the WCG, the cricket club launched its 2018/19 campaign in style at the local clubrooms.

Club President Ryan Hoiberg addressed the strong crowd in attendance after the final pre-season hit-out of the year, announcing a raft of key changes around the club, including the introduction of a 7th XI side due to a growing number of players.

"From a club perspective, looking back six or seven years ago when we struggled to get three or four teams on the park, to suddenly have seven sides competing just shows the clubs continued growth which is sensational," said Hoiberg.

Former President Greg Warren was named as Captain of the inaugural side and Treasurer Ben Sproat was announced as Vice-Captain.

New coach Scott Handley delivered his maiden speech to the attendees, outlining the recent reshuffling of the leadership team and his vision for the immediate future of the club.

"I've never coached a club this big before, it's fantastic to see 50 to 60 blokes around the place.

"I'd like to thank Ryan and Greg for giving me the opportunity to come in as coach of the club and I've loved the energy so far," said Handley.

The announcement of club captains was headlined by Ayrton Dehmel retaining the 1st XI role with his deputy and reigning Steve Pascoe medallist Luke Killey named as Vice-Captain for the sides return to the Bill Wilkins Cup.

Campbell Holland will continue as 2nd XI skipper and Brandon Stafford was named as Vice-Captain.

Bill Stubbs will continue to helm the 6th XI side that made it to last season's Grand Final.

Four new captains were announced to lead the remaining sides.

The 3rd, 4th and 5th XI teams will be helmed by Luke Warren, Shaun Ison and Pete Hanson.

### Junior competition

Warrandyte's prided Juniors program has been identified as a key part of the upsurge of players in recent years and continues to go from strength to strength.

A record 10 teams are set to compete this year,

including two new girl's teams spear-headed by Sophie Day.

Day has worked tirelessly in the off-season to generate interest in the new teams.

"Sophie has been doing some unbelievable work to engage with new cricketers for the upcoming season," said Hoiberg.

### Sponsors

Warrandyte's community sponsors were also on hand to get the season underway, including The Grand Hotel Warrandyte, Quintons Supa IGA, Bendigo Bank and local member for Warrandyte MP Ryan Smith.

The club also confirmed new sponsors Donvale Rotary Club and Jellis Craig Real Estate.

### Spirit of Thommo

Good core values are the key to promoting a positive club culture.

In memory of Andrew Thomas, who passed earlier this year, at the end of the season, the club will bestow the inaugural Spirit of Thommo award for the member who best exemplifies the clubs core values over course of the coming season.

### Kicking off the season in style

Mick Spence wasted no time settling in to the 2018/19 cricket season, rewriting the Warrandyte Cricket Club history books with a blistering 198\* runs in the opening round.

Coming incredibly close to being only the second double-centurion in the Bloods 163-year history, Spence's epic knock in the 3rd XI saw him rise to second on the clubs highest individual score table, a mere 14 runs behind club legend Cameron Day (212 2014/15)

Spence walked out to the crease at Stintons Reserve in the 11th over with the Bloods sitting at 2/53.

By the close of his innings he had driven Warrandyte's score to an imposing 8/370, scoring more than half that total off his own bat.

The runs came early for the number three batsman who picked apart the opposition bowling attack with exceptional technical prowess.

His 61-over stint was chanceless until the later stage of the innings, utilising the cover drive to

its full effect.

Spence sent a staggering 28 deliveries to the fence including 27 fours and a six.

Spence was just as instrumental in the bowling attack, sending down a marathon spell of 18 overs the following week to record figures of 1/28 with five maidens to subdue a determined South Croydon batting line-up.

He consistently cramped up the opposition batsman with full, left arm in-swing bowling and did not concede a single extra in his 108-deliveries.

His all-round performance proved to be the deciding factor in the C-Grade contest as the first-innings total proved insurmountable for South Croydon who fell short by 110 runs.

**RIGHT: Mick Spence was all smiles after his mammoth innings**

**Photo: STEPHEN GODDARD**



# Women join the Sharks

**THE NEXT FOOTY season is going to be an exciting one at Park Orchards, as the club have announced it will be entering a Women's Senior team into the Eastern Football League's (EFL) Eastern Region Women's Football Competition for the 2019 season.**

**Since the announcement in August, there has been strong interest in the local area, with a core group spearheading the preparations for the coming season.**

**With the club's recent senior men's EFL success, the sub-committee consisting of club members Vicki Knight, Tim Dawson, David Phillipsen, Micaela Wilson, Kay Livingstone and many others involved with the club have worked hard to address the need for a dedicated women's football side.**

**Potential coaches are currently being interviewed and any women who are interested in giving footy a go, irrespective of experience, are encouraged to visit the clubs website and sign up.**

**Park Orchards signing of former Carlton player Dennis Armfield as the new Senior Men's coach may be a blessing in disguise for the new ELFW team as Armfield comes to Park Orchards from a Senior assistant coach position for North Melbourne's AFLW/VFLW side.**

**The stars are aligning for the girls and women of Park Orchards and surrounds to have their go on the footy field and the dedicated group driving the effort to get the team out onto the park will be a part of a historic new chapter for the Park Orchards Football Club.**





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Auction	Saturday 27th October at 10.30am
Inspect	As advertised or by appointment
Land	2,042sqm (approx.)
Chris Chapman	0421 736 592
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## 1 Hamilton Road North Warrandyte

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## 65 Blooms Road North Warrandyte

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In this stunning architect designed home you'll enjoy high ceilings, treetop views and a zoned north-facing design flooded with natural light. Set on over an acre of bush and edible gardens, this is a home that truly soothes the soul. Inspect today!

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